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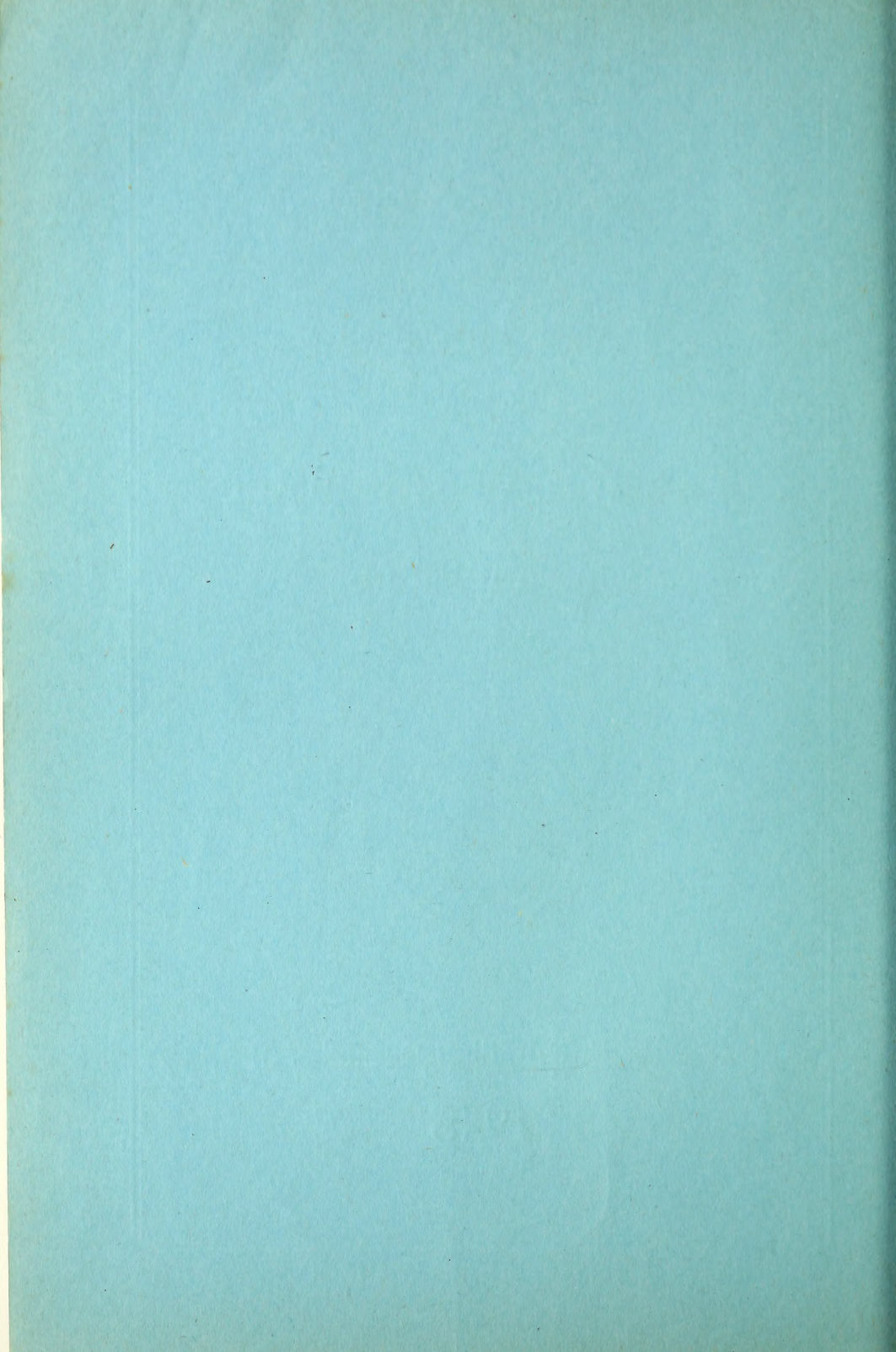


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ANNUAL REPORTS
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OF THE
Town of Westminster
MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year Ending December 31
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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

INCREASES IN CAPITAL ASSETS AND REDUCTIONS IN LIABILITIES FROM 1938 TO THE CLOSE OF OUR FISCAL YEAR, DECEMBER 31, 1945

	<i>Close of Business 1938</i>	<i>Close of Business 1945</i>	<i>Improvement in Condition</i>
Cash on hand in Banks	\$11,589.82	\$41,354.71	\$29,764.89
Notes Payable	55,000.00	13,500.00	41,500.00
Trust Funds	121,086.02	150,331.61	29,245.59
Excess and Deficiency Fund (Surplus)	8,152.69	28,985.48	20,832.79
New Equipment Purchased for Cash from Machinery Rental Receipts:			
Caterpillar Motor Grader		5,000.00	5,000.00
Ford 1½ Ton Dump Truck		1,200.00	1,200.00
Caterpillar Sidewalk Tractor		2,700.00	2,700.00
New Tires on hand		1,000.00	1,000.00
Cement Mixer		375.00	375.00
Sand Spreader		270.00	270.00
Used Equipment Purchased for Cash from Machinery Rental Receipts:			
International Dump Truck		575.00	575.00
1937 Ford Dump Truck		400.00	400.00
Air Compressor		125.00	125.00
Land for Town Garage		300.00	300.00
Town Garage:			
New Construction		6,000.00	
Renovating Old Garage		3,000.00	9,000.00
Paid for from Machinery Rental Receipts			
*Total			<u>\$142,288.27</u>

*In seven years the Town's Net Worth has increased \$142,288.27.

The Town has not borrowed any money since 1942.

The Tax Rate has remained the same or has been slightly reduced each year.

Respectfully submitted,

JUDSON R. FOSTER,
PORTER W. DAWLEY,
WILLIAM S. JOHNSON,
Selectmen.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1945

There was one Town Meeting held during the year 1945. (In the following report of the Town Meeting is a synopsis from records of the meeting.)

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION

MARCH 3, 1945

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the voters of the Town of Westminster assembled at Town Hall.

The Warrant was read by the Town Clerk as far as choosing the Town Officers, the remainder of the Articles to be read at the afternoon session.

The polls were opened at six o'clock A.M. and closed at five o'clock P.M.

The Election Officers appointed by the Selectmen and duly sworn by the Town Clerk were as follows:—

Walter W. Wintturi, <i>Warden</i>	
Gladys B. Towle, <i>Ballot Clerk</i>	Linnea M. Poikonen, <i>Ballot Clerk</i>
K. Elizabeth Foster, <i>Teller</i>	Edward J. Abar, <i>Teller</i>

At the close of the polls the ballot box registered four hundred and one ballots cast.

After the counting was completed the ballot envelopes were sealed and placed in the vault by the Town Clerk.

Meeting adjourned at seven fifteen o'clock P.M.

The result of the election was as follows:—

OFFICERS ELECTED

	<i>No. of Votes</i>
MODERATOR — for One Year	
J. Philip Howard — Candidate for re-election — Citiz. Cau.	325
Blanks	76

TOWN CLERK — for One Year

Esther H. Hicks — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	355
Harry Howard	1
J. Philip Howard	1
Blanks	44

TOWN TREASURER — for One Year

Judson R. Foster, Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	339
J. Philip Howard	1
Blanks	61

SELECTMEN — for Three Years

William S. Johnson — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	348
Blanks	53

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE — for Three Years

Alfred P. Jones — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	311
Amboy Proctor	1
Blanks	89

ASSESSORS — for Three Years

Albert E. Gates — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	308
Blanks	93

ASSESSOR — for Two Years

Nelson S. Greely — Citz. Cau.	304
Blanks	97

ASSESSOR — for One Year

Elmer E. Luoma — Citz. Cau.	326
Blanks	75

SCHOOL COMMITTEE — for Three Years

Thomas C. Chalmers — Citz. Cau.	162
Otto A. Leino — Nomination paper	19
Ralph E. Roper — Candidate for re-election — Nom. paper	212
Blanks	8

LIBRARY TRUSTEES — for Three Years (Two)

Doris M. Fenno — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	335
J. Philip Howard — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	286
P. Arcangeli	1
Blanks	180

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (MT. PLEASANT) — for Three Years	
Forrest E. Smith — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	328
Blanks	73
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (WHITMANVILLE) — for Two Years	
John A. Friberg — Citz. Cau.	311
Forrest Smith	1
Blanks	89
HAGER PARK COMMISSIONER — for Three Years	
Charles L. Smith — Citz. Cau.	317
Blanks	84
TAX COLLECTOR — for One Year	
Florence B. Rice — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	322
Harry Howard	1
Blanks	78
CONSTABLE — for One Year	
Peter V. Arcangeli — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	340
Arthur Withington	1
Blanks	60
TREE WARDEN — for One Year	
Peter V. Arcangeli — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	334
Arthur Rice	1
Blanks	66
Total Vote	401

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was called to order at one fifteen o'clock P.M. by Moderator J. Philip Howard. Prayer was offered by Reverend Marion R. Phelps, Pastor of the Congregational Church. The warrant was read — by Esther H. Hicks, Town Clerk, after which, action was taken on the Articles as follows: —

Article 1. Voted that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945, and to issue a note or notes, therefor, to be paid within one year, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 2. Voted to add the name of Guy Cossaboom to the list, and the list be accepted as amended.

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1945

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Frank S. Smith	Laborer
Elmer F. Luoma	Accountant
James A. Adams	Bank Clerk
Fred Chalmers	Plumber
George W. Hawkesworth	Laborer
Paul B. Mansur	Merchant
Kaino Poikonen	Peddler
S. Edwin Story	Clerk
Charles W. Albro	Time and Motion Analyst
Frederick Slade	Laborer
Raymond Stockwell	Laborer
Neil L. J. Marsh	Track Inspector
Charles L. Innis	Foreman
Vance L. Butterfield	Tool-maker
Francis E. Coombs	Tool-maker
Guy M. Ralph	Procurement Office
Eino Winter	Superintendent
Guy Cossaboom	.....

Article 3. Voted that the following committees be chosen for the ensuing year.

MEASURERS OF WOOD, LUMBER AND BARK

Frank S. Smith	Arthur E. Merriam
Edward Hetu	Henry Waltanen

FIELD DRIVERS

Voted that the Board of Selectmen serve as this committee.

FENCE VIEWERS

Voted that Raymond Stockwell and Alfred Jones serve as this committee.

Article 4. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to serve as agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the Town, or act in relation thereto.

Article 5. Voted that the Town empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Article 6. Voted that Dugal C. Laughton be chosen as Director in accordance with the Provisions under Chapter 128, General Laws.

Article 7. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for the purpose of giving five public Band Concerts.

Article 8. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the suppression of Gypsy Moth and Brown Tail Moth.

Article 9. Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$8,105.28 from Machinery Rental account to Machinery Repair, Purchase and Maintenance account.

Article 10. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,483.33 for maintenance, interest on bonds, and construction notes, for the Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital.

Article 11. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 to compensate the Assessors, to be divided as follows: — \$225.00 for salary for each Assessor (three in all) and \$225.00 for Assessors' expenses.

Article 12. Voted that the Town increase the salary of the Town Accountant from \$400.00 to \$700.00 per year, commencing January 1, 1945.

Article 13. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate increases in salaries to the following Town Officers: —

Selectmen	from	\$75.00	to	\$200.00
Town Treasurer	from	75.00	to	150.00
Town Accountant	from	400.00	to	700.00
Assessors	from	75.00	to	225.00
Town Clerk	from	75.00	to	100.00
Board of Public Welfare	from	75.00	to	100.00

A vote to increase the salary of the School Committee to \$450.00 (or \$150.00 each) was defeated. Voted to leave the School Committee's salary the same as in previous years (or \$75.00 each member.)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Town Hall, to be divided as follows: — \$1,000.00 for General Maintenance and \$1,000.00 for Redecorating.

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	
Moderator	\$ 5.00	—	\$ 5.00
Selectmen, \$200.00 each	600.00	\$ 100.00	700.00
(Article 12) Town Accountant	700.00	—	700.00
Town Treasurer	150.00	150.00	300.00
Tax Collector	800.00	300.00	1,100.00
(Article 11) Assessors, \$225.00 each	675.00	225.00	900.00
Other Finance		50.00	50.00
Town Clerk	100.00	250.00	350.00
Election and Registration		250.00	250.00
Board of Public Welfare,			
\$100.00 each	300.00	—	300.00
School Committee, \$75.00 each	225.00	—	225.00
Town Hall, General Maintenance		1,000.00	} 2,000.00
Redecorating		1,000.00	

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Fire Department	2,500.00
Forest Fire Equipment and Patrol	500.00
Police Protection	500.00
Dog Officer	50.00
(Article 8) Moth Department	150.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	60.00
Tree Warden	50.00
Liability Insurance	413.75

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health (including Dental Clinic)	250.00
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HIGHWAYS

General Repairs under Chapter 81	5,000.00
Bridges	400.00
Snow and Ice (Highways)	5,500.00
Snow and Ice (Sidewalks)	100.00
Street Lighting	1,700.00
Watering Tubs and Street Signs	75.00
Sidewalk Repairs	500.00
Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,500.00

CHARITIES

Public Welfare	4,000.00
Mothers' Aid, A. D. C.	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	7,500.00
Soldiers' Relief	1,250.00
State Aid	120.00

SCHOOLS

Schools (including Amount from State)	42,470.00
Vocational School	2,000.00

FORBUSH LIBRARY

Not including Dog Fund	1,400.00
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CEMETERIES

Including Income from Trust Funds	2,000.00
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PAYMENT ON NOTES

* School Note (from Excess and Deficiency Fund)	1,500.00
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UNCLASSIFIED

Interest	450.00
Hager Park Trustees	500.00
Reserve Fund	2,000.00
World War Memorial	50.00
Memorial Day	135.00
Care of Town Clock	20.00
Printing Town Reports	160.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
* Fire Insurance (from Excess and Deficiency Fund)	838.75
* Ration Board Expense Account (from Excess and Deficiency Fund)	200.00
(Article 7) Band Concerts	125.00
(Article 10) Maintenance, Interest on Bonds and Construction Notes, Worcester County Hospital	1,483.33
(Article 14) County Extension Service	50.00
(Article 28) Census Expenses	150.00
*(Article 22) Tractor Sidewalk Plow (from Excess and Deficiency Fund)	2,900.00

* (Article 15) War Bond Purchase (from Excess and Deficiency Fund)	5,000.00
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	\$103,580.83
* From Excess and Deficiency Fund	10,438.75
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Total Appropriations	\$ 93,142.08

Article 14. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for County Extension Service.

Article 15. Voted that the Town transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$5,000.00 (from Excess and Deficiency Fund) for the purchase of War Bonds or other Bonds that are legal investments for Savings Banks in order to establish a post-war rehabilitation fund in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, Acts of 1943.

Article 16. Voted to pass the article (Committee reports).

Article 17. Voted that the Town have the present Water Committee continue to serve in that capacity for the ensuing year.

Article 18. Voted that the Town install a street light at the intersection of Route 2, Battles Road and Newcomb Road.

Article 19. Voted that the Town install a street light at the intersection of Route 2 and the so-called Dump Road near the residence of Inez Morse and Hector Valliere.

Article 20. Voted that the Town install a street light at the eastern end of the Town Common adjacent to the residence of William MacAloney.

Article 21. Voted to pass the article (bounty on porcupines).

Article 22. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,900.00 from Excess and Deficiency account for the purchase of a tractor sidewalk plow.

Article 23. Voted to pass the article (hand-operated "stop-and-go" light on Main Street near the Library and Post Office).

Article 24. Voted not to purchase new Town Scales.

Article 25. Voted that the Town accept the present names and locations of public streets as they now appear on the files of the State Highway Department as of 1945, with the exception of the Hubbardston Road, which is to be still called South Street.

Article 26. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to dispose of any interest which the Town may have in the Narrows School building and land.

Article 27. Voted that the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,500.00 to purchase the old High School Property and buildings to be torn down within one year.

Article 28. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to defray the expense of the census, as required by the Commonwealth.

Article 29. Voted that the sum of \$5,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that in addition the sum of \$10,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Article 30. Voted that the sum of \$1,500.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highways Maintenance and that, in addition, the sum of \$3,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State and County share of the costs of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

ESTHER H. HICKS,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

For the Year Ending December 31, 1945

NOTES: If any errors in names or dates are noticed, or any omissions, please inform the Town Clerk.

Births recorded	26
Deaths recorded	25
Brought in Town for Burial (non-residents)	13
Marriages	18

BIRTHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Names of Parents</i>
Jan. 4	Darlene Prescott Smith	Forrest E. and Martenah E. (Prescott)
Jan. 23	Gail Ann Dewey	Martin J. and Martha J. (Lehtinen)
Jan. 31	Diane Elaine Wiktorski	Warren S. & Elaine (Bevis)
Feb. 2	Joyce Ann Young	Willis L. and Doris R. (Colon)
Feb. 3	Walter Werner Wintturi, Jr.,	Walter W. and Ellen K. (Lehtinen)
Feb. 3	John Lauri Suominen	Lauri V. and Helen E. (Hawkesworth)
Feb. 10	Joyce Irene Kamila	Adolf and Lahja Irene (Tuomi)
Mar. 4	Henry Nicholas Jamsa	Eino and Tyyne (Vaananen)
April 7	Salley Ann Heikkila	Eino A. and A. Sylvia (Johnson)
April 13	Darlene Alberta Johnson	Walter H. and June A. (Bartlett)
April 30	Donna Marie Johnson	Harold and Geneva (Sanborn)
May 9	Merrill Lloyd Martin	Lloyd and Dorothy (Robbins)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Names of Parents</i>
May 18	Sandra Louise McAdams	Leon H. and Geneva A. (Rich)
June 6	Phyllis Mary Gallant	Alvin and Pearl M. (Baker)
July 8	Robert Edmond Hebert	Andrew and Marie (Mathieu)
July 18	John Martin Strong	Wilder C. and Celia M. (Rice)
Aug. 4	Dorothy Ann Bradford	Wentworth S. and Gertrude (Dawson)
Aug. 12	Margaret Elaine Hickey	William R. and Dorothy C. (Gage)
Sept. 21	Lois Carol Ringquist	Carl W., Jr. and Esther (Leavenworth)
Sept. 30	Helen Elizabeth Coddling	Arthur E., Jr. and Betty (Fogg)
Oct. 6	Leslie Arlene Prouty	Allen and Phyllis (McClure)
Oct. 11	Chester Benjamin Newton	Edmund C. and Hildegard (Baker)
Nov. 8	Elizabeth Joan Mansur	Paul B. and Henrietta S. (Swalina)
Nov. 17	Elizabeth Ann Aalto	Wilho S. and Lempi H. (Tuomi)
Dec. 8	Lester Lee LaSalle	Leon O. and Gertrude A. (Sadinkangas)
Dec. 9	Raymond Edward Vine	Homer R. and Edith P. (Abar)

DEATHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
Jan. 6	Lucy L. Story	83	1	17
Jan. 13	Jennie E. Curtis	87	5	23
Feb. 2	Hilda M. Pesola	65	—	—
Mar. 28	Annie S. Scales	70	10	29
Mar. 17	Katherine M. Foster	83	6	—
April 9	Eva Smith	67	5	25
April 11	Alex Waronen	65	1	10
April 14	Joseph Beauregard	55	—	—
April 16	Annie M. Watkins	90	3	8
April 24	Elizabeth Powers	83	8	23

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
April 27	Albert Bilson	84	3	2
May 15	Oswald M. Herold	72	1	11
May 17	Emma L. Wenzel	72	5	2
May 25	Nettie Roper	72	11	15
May 28	William Mason	60	3	18
July 17	Carrie J. Connery	74	1	10
About				
Oct. 20, 1944	Antero A. Honkanen	54	—	—
Aug. 10	Alexander Steinberg	54	—	—
Sept. 9	Forrest E. Smith	38	8	12
Oct. 11	Bertha Earl	71	2	17
Oct. 15	Clara L. Padgham	82	1	19
Oct. 26	Frank Campbell	64	4	20
Nov. 3	Henry Mela	57	2	1
Dec. 8	Charles F. Giles	85	3	1
Dec. 28	Peter Lebeck	55	3	6

BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL

(NON-RESIDENTS)

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>
1944					
Dec. 26	Emma G. Young	Gardner	75	—	—
1945					
Jan. 3	John T. Guest	Lunenburg	6	9	18
Feb. 28	George E. Adams	Fitchburg	62	—	—
Mar. 4	Frank D. Peabody	Newton Centre	89	6	25
Mar. 13	Elvira (Smith) Smith	Fitchburg	89	2	22
April 10	Frances S. Cheney	Framingham	75	3	9
April 26	Adelaide S. Berry	Leominster	81	7	14
July 20	Infant Moore	So. Roylaston	Stillborn		
July 21	Louis D. Rice	Quincy	66	10	8
Sept. 11	Rose G. (Walker) Knight	Westboro	71	2	25
Oct. 1	Alice B. King	Pepperell	65	—	—
Nov. 18	Ida Mattson	Fitchburg	63	3	2
Nov. 18	R. Lee Parker	Worcester	72	9	10

MARRIAGES

<i>Date and Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
January 3 Westminster	William T. Fenton Luella (Joy) Royston	Winchester, N. H. Manchester, N. H.
January 27 Westminster	Wilho S. Aalto Lempi H. Tuomi	Westminster Westminster
March 25 Westminster	Mahlon W. Allen Eleanor C. Stevenson	Fitchburg Westminster
April 22 Newton	Ernest W. Gonyer Eunice E. Kimball	Westminster Newton
May 5 Westminster	William S. Kujanpaa Martha E. Salo	Westminster New York City, N. Y.
May 19 Templeton	Charles O. Reed Phyllis D. Geissler	Westminster Hubbardston
May 24 Fitchburg	Romeo J. Pelletier Irene M. Boucher	Oldtown, Me. Westminster
June 2 Gardner	William LeBeck Mary Ruth (Rice) Lashua	Westminster Westminster
July 7 Fitchburg	Edward J. LeClair Margaret A. Waddell	Westminster Fitchburg
August 11 Westminster	Norman G. Gray Marjorie M. Abar	Oakfield, N. Y. Westminster
August 19 Fitchburg	George J. Immonen Sylvia (Kamila) Gustafson	Westminster Westminster
September 3 Westminster	Gilbert E. Progen Leah J. Walker	Fitchburg Fitchburg
September 15 Leominster	Robert R. Novak Shirley G. Aho	Leominster Westminster
October 13 Fitchburg	Jess L. Arnold Ethel M. Robins	Westminster Westminster

<i>Date and Plate of Marriage</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
October 27 Fitchburg	Arvo Aho Vieno I. Aho	Westminster Townsend
November 15 Fitchburg	Albert J. Vaiknoras Milda M. Kantola	Lawrence Westminster
November 27 Fitchburg	Paul O. Hokkanen Elsie I. Kulkkula	Westminster Fitchburg
December 22 Fitchburg	Walter Pissaruk Aino H. Wintturi	Gardner Westminster

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1945

Licenses have been issued to the following persons:

Aalto, Eino	\$2.00	Carey, John	\$2.00
Adams, Agnes (2)	4.00	Carlson, Peter	2.00
Adams, Joseph	2.00	Caswell, Howard E.	2.00
Aho, Lauri	2.00	Chalmers, Thomas.	2.00
Aho, Matti	2.00	Charbonneau, Raymond	5.00
Andreasson, Selfred (3)	6.00	Codding, A. E., Jr.	2.00
Anttila, Reino J.	5.00	Cossaboom, Janet L.	2.00
Arvio, Charles	2.00	Cross, Frank	5.00
Aubuchon, W. E.	2.00	Cummings, Burt P.	2.00
Ball, Arnold (2)	4.00	Cummings, George	2.00
Ballou, Georgia	5.00	Daily, Earl	2.00
Bancroft, Arthur	2.00	Dauphinais, Delia	2.00
Barrett, Edward	2.00	Davis, Harry	2.00
Barthel, Chevigny	5.00	Denton, Robert M.	2.00
Bascomb, Arthur	2.00	Dube, Jeffrey	2.00
Battles, Roger (3)	6.00	Dunn, Helen	2.00
Beauregard, Irene	2.00	Elola, John	2.00
Beers, Raymond P.	2.00	Engman, George A.	2.00
Bilson, Kirwan J.	2.00	Erickson, Fred	5.00
Bonnallie, Everett	2.00	Fagerstrom, Henry	2.00
Boucher, Irene	2.00	Fenno, Margaret	2.00
Boucher, Joseph	2.00	Flagg, Reta	2.00
Boudreau, Jos. A.	2.00	Flinkstrom, Hugo (2)	4.00
Bradford, W. S.	2.00	Fontaine, Arthur J.	2.00
Breau, Alfred	2.00	Fontaine, Benjamin	2.00
Brooks, Henry A.	2.00	Forsell, Waino (2)	4.00
Brown, Margery	2.00	French, Allan	2.00
Brunell, Alfred I. (2)	4.00	Friberg, Edith	2.00
Butterfield, Vance L.	5.00	Gage, Eva E.	2.00
Cairns, H. E.	2.00	Graves, J. C.	2.00
Caldon, Benton	2.00	Grenier, Albert J.	10.00
Campbell, Daniel	2.00	Hakkila, Heino	2.00
Cannon, Edward A. (2)	4.00	Hancock, Melvin C. (2)	4.00

Handlin, Beverly	\$2.00	Lahikanen, Otto	\$2.00
Hanks, Elmira	2.00	Lahtinen, Ahti	2.00
Hanninen, Otto	2.00	Lahtinen, Charles	2.00
Happonen, Alisa	2.00	Lahtinen, Unno	2.00
Harrington,		Laine, John	1.00
Mrs. Chester A.	2.00	Laitinen, Arma	2.00
Harrington, Francis	2.00	Lanoue, Wilfred	2.00
Harrington, John E.	2.00	Lanson, Beverly	2.00
Hayden, Kathrina	2.00	Larson, Mikko	2.00
Hebert, Andrew	2.00	Laughton, Dugal	2.00
Heikkila, Eino A.	2.00	Laughton, Elizabeth A.	2.00
Heino, John (2)	4.00	Laughton, Helen	2.00
Heins, Wm. R., Jr. (2)	4.00	Laukkanen, Linda (2)	4.00
Helman, August	2.00	Lawrence, Eric	2.00
Henstridge, Geo.	2.00	Leavenworth, Edwin	2.00
Herold, Oswald M.	2.00	Leavenworth, Gordon F.	2.00
Herold, Roger W.	2.00	LeClair, Ronald	2.00
Hill, Tynne	2.00	L'Ecuuyer, Herman	5.00
Hills, Phillips A., Jr.	2.00	Leger, Real J. (2)	7.00
Hintala, Loretta	5.00	Lehto, Ilmi	5.00
Holm, Carl A.	2.00	Leighton, Elmer	5.00
Holm, Carl F.	2.00	Leino, Otto	2.00
Holmes, Allan E.	2.00	Liimatainen, Walter	2.00
Honkala, Oiva	2.00	Lindquist, Carl N.	2.00
Howard, Stanley	5.00	Loescher, Max R.	2.00
Hurme, Arnold E.	2.00	Loughlin, Anna	2.00
Hutchinson, Bertha	2.00	Lucander, Aarne (2)	4.00
Innis, Lois	2.00	Lucas, Fred H.	5.00
Jaaskelainen, Toivo	2.00	Luke, Gladys	2.00
Jenkins, William	2.00	Luomala, John	2.00
Jewett, W. H.	2.00	MacAloney, Cora	2.00
Johnson, Harold	2.00	MacAloney, Wm. B.	2.00
Johnson, Hjalma	2.00	McAdams, L. H., Jr. (2)	4.00
Johnson, Walter	2.00	Mackey, Otto	2.00
Jones, Alfred P.	2.00	Makela, Andrew J.	2.00
Karkkainen, Antti	2.00	Maki, Emil	2.00
Kelty, Lester J.	2.00	Mannila, Onni (2)	4.00
Kendall, Harry S.	2.00	Mansur, Edith (3)	6.00
Keskinen, Henry	5.00	Mantyla, Hilda	2.00
Kinnari, Ida	2.00	Marien, Emile	2.00
Klemetti, Ilmari	2.00	Marien, Philip J.	2.00
Knight, George	2.00	Martin, Lloyd	2.00
Kurikka, Eino (2)	4.00	Mattson, Wm. J. (2)	4.00
LaCroix, Edward J. (2)	4.00	May, Wilson	2.00

Mela, Miriam	\$2.00	Russell, Shirley	\$2.00
Merriam, Helen	2.00	Salo, Andrew	(2) 4.00
Morse, Carl S.	2.00	Salo, Eino	2.00
Morse, Leone	5.00	Salo, Lennard C.	(2) 10.00
Morse, Patricia	2.00	Savilampi, Onni H.	2.00
Morse, Patsy	2.00	Savoie, Maxine	5.00
Muhonen, Mildred	2.00	Sellman, Toivo	2.00
Murdock, Warren J.	2.00	Semenuk, Walter	2.00
Nappila, Violet	2.00	Shay, William A.	2.00
Nash, George O.	(4) 31.00	Shepard, Beatrice L.	2.00
Nelson, Jesse	5.00	Smith, E. E.	2.00
Newton, Edmund	2.00	Smith, Harriet	2.00
Nichols, Phyllis	2.00	Smith, Howard I.	2.00
Niemi, Adam	2.00	Smith, Joseph J.	(3) 6.00
Niemi, Kasper	2.00	Smith, Mary	2.00
Niemi, Vaito	2.00	Smith, Paul F.	2.00
Nikunen, Jack	2.00	Smith, Rodger W.	2.00
Nitsche, George E.	5.00	Soini, Waino	(2) 4.00
Noel, Exzelia	2.00	Sprague, Streeter G.	2.00
Nygard, Gail	5.00	Stacy, Raymond	2.00
Oja, Frank	2.00	Steinberg, Alexander	2.00
Ojala, Jacob E.	2.00	St. John, Frank E.	2.00
O'Neill, John	2.00	Stockwell, William B.	2.00
Pera, George	(2) 7.00	Streeter, Carrie	2.00
Percy, Laura	2.00	Sunne, Walter	(2) 4.00
Pipping, Mrs. Paul O.	2.00	Suomela, Michael	2.00
Poikonen, Alan	2.00	Sutela, Eino E.	2.00
Pollari, Arthur	2.00	Tappin, Clarence W.	2.00
Prouty, Allen	2.00	Thomas, June	2.00
Rameau, Arthur	2.00	Towle, Robert	2.00
Rameau, George W.	2.00	Trudel, Antonio	2.00
Rameau, William	2.00	Tuomaala, Tauno	5.00
Rautaruusu, Jonko	2.00	Tuomi, Axel	2.00
Reed, Leslie L.	(3) 9.00	Tuominen, Toivo	5.00
Remse, Arthur	2.00	Turner, Corinne	2.00
Reynolds, Charles H.	2.00	Vieweg, Anna E.	2.00
Rice, Nancy	2.00	Vieweg, Bertha	2.00
Robins, Arthur	2.00	Vieweg, Freddie	2.00
Robinson, George E.	2.00	Wainonen, Toivo	2.00
Roiha, Maria	2.00	Walkonen, Oiva	(2) 4.00
Rogers, Arthur B.	2.00	Waltanen, Henry	2.00
Roper, Clarence G.	(3) 6.00	Walton, Dorothy	2.00
Russ, Lucie	2.00	Waronen, Axel	2.00
Ruuska, Edwin	5.00	Wartiainen, Peter	2.00

Wasara, Mary	2.00	Wintturi, Ellen	2.00
Westerfors, Eric	2.00	Wintturi, William	2.00
Whitcomb, Waldo	2.00	Wiswell, George F.	2.00
Wiinikainen, Waino	2.00	Wolski, Henry	2.00
Wilen, Anselm	2.00	Woodward, Paul N.	2.00
Williams, John	2.00	Wuth, Ethel	2.00
Wilson, Ernest	2.00	Young, Lois M.	2.00
Winter, Eino	2.00		

Total			\$700.00
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Clerk's Fees			58.80
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Amount Paid to Town Treasurer to December 31, 1945			\$641.20
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Transfers issued to Bernice E. Hooper and Alton J. Winchenback.

Free licenses issued to Persons serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, as follows: —

Aalto, Lempi	Johnson, Raymond
Baker, Chester	Kahkola, Eli P.
Boucher, Robert	Laughton, Herbert
Chalmers, Harold E.	Leavenworth, Gordon A.
Conant, Richard	Merriam, Arthur E., Jr.
French, Marshall	Noble, Thomas F.
Hakkila, Raymond	Pesola, Neilo
Hines, Everett	Siitonen, Harry
Innerasky, Herbert	Strom, Harold
Jamsa, William	Wasara, Reino

ESTHER H. HICKS,
Town Clerk.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Year Ended December 31st, 1945

Cash on hand January 1st, 1945	\$ 28,445.52
Received from Tax Collector, 1943 Taxes	144.26
Received from Tax Collector, 1944 Taxes	7,783.37
Received from Tax Collector, 1945 Taxes	54,865.11
Received from Tax Collector, 1944 Motor Excise	10.00
Received from Tax Collector, 1945 Motor Excise	1,994.57
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in lieu of taxes	11.90
City of Fitchburg Direct Tax	874.50
Interest on Taxes	223.77
Demands	30.10
Income on Wyman Water Fund	220.06
Income on Library Funds	207.64
Sale of old High School Building	650.00

TRANSFERS FROM TRUST FUNDS

Frederick W. Smith Worthy Poor Fund	204.00
Joseph Hager School Fund	200.00
Upton School Fund	325.43
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	227.50
Taxes Withheld on Salaries and Wages	2,812.38
All other Receipts as shown on report of Town Accountant	74,249.50

Total 1945 Receipts	\$173,479.55
Expended on Warrants approved by the Selectmen	132,124.84

Cash on hand December 31st, 1945	\$ 41,354.71
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NOTES PAYABLE

Schoolhouse Notes	\$ 13,500.00
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TRUST FUNDS

JOSEPH HAGER SCHOOL FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 5,952.86
Gardner Savings Bank	4,000.00
Leominster Savings Bank	2,000.00
Worcester North Savings Institution	2,500.00
Total	\$ 14,452.86
Principal, \$14,445.05	

PRESTON P. ELLIS SCHOOL FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 320.75	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	500.00	
Total		\$ 820.75
Principal, \$810.12		

FREDERICK W. SMITH POOR FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 4,923.33	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Gardner Savings Bank	5,821.60	
Athol Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Leominster Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	6,851.00	
Worcester County Institution for Savings	3,000.00	
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Total		\$ 35,595.93
Principal, \$35,210.28		

MILTON A. CREED CEMETERY WALL FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 1,284.82	
Total		\$ 1,284.82
Principal, \$1,272.07		

CHARLES R. DUTTON SCHOOL FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 909.43	
Total		\$ 909.43
Principal, \$900.41		

DANIEL SANDERS CEMETERY FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 2,208.96	
Total		\$ 2,208.96
Principal, \$2,165.44		

JOSEPH R. BARRELL CEMETERY FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 1,976.18	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	375.45	
Total		\$ 2,351.63
Principal, \$2,307.14		

ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 46.31	
Total		\$ 46.31
Principal, \$38.68		

WYMAN WATER FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 4,500.00	
Gardner Savings Bank	3,500.00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	7,000.00	
Total		\$ 15,000.00
Principal, \$15,000.00		

JOSEPH W. FORBUSH POOR FUND

Worcester North Savings Institution	\$ 3,776.99	
Total		\$ 3,776.99
Principal, \$3,720.98		

UPTON SCHOOL FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 612.63	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	694.83	
Orange Savings Bank	541.20	
Peoples Savings Bank, Worcester	1,000.00	
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	1,000.00	
Gardner Trust Company	2,710.51	
Worcester County Institution for Savings	1,100.00	
25 Shares Pullman, Inc. (Market)	1,537.50	
28 Shares American Tel. and Tel. Co. (Market)	5,320.00	
Total		\$ 14,516.67
Principal, \$13,302.34		

POST-WAR REHABILITATION FUND

United States Defense Bonds and Cash	\$15,360.87	
Total		\$ 15,360.87
Principal, \$15,000.00		

DONATIONS ON DEPOSIT FOR THE
IMPROVEMENT OF TOWN HALL

Westminster Grange	\$ 85.37	
Finnish Farmers' Association	25.10	
Total		\$ 110.47

FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUNDS

Sarah M. Barnes Fund	
Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 200.00
Lucy J. Childs Fund	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	150.00
Preston P. Ellis Fund	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	500.00
Mary A. Farnsworth Fund	
Leominster Savings Bank	525.00
Charles A. Forbush Fund	
Leominster Savings Bank	500.00
Joseph W. Forbush Fund	
Athol Savings Bank	1,000.00
Henrietta M. Gates Fund	
Gardner Trust Company	3,489.43
Arabella R. Hager Fund	
Gardner Savings Bank	600.00
Manson D. Haws Fund	
Winchendon Savings Bank	1,000.00
George A. Miller Fund	
Worcester North Savings Institution	1,901.16
Daniel W. Sanders Fund	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	2,000.00
Town of Westminster Fund	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	1,800.00
Fred S. Whitman Fund	
Gardner Savings Bank	300.00
Adelaide Warner Berry	
Gardner Savings Bank	100.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 14,065.59

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS
December 31st, 1945

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1945</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended by the Commissioners</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1945</i>
Allen, Frederick	\$148.86	\$2.98	\$1.00	\$150.84
Allen, Lyman	150.55	3.02	1.00	152.57
Bacon, Edward	122.70	1.22	1.00	122.92
Baker, Albert A.	100.18	1.00	1.00	100.18
Baker, Calvin	62.19	.94	.50	62.63
Baker, Charles F.	49.98	.75	—	50.73
Baker, Eber and Eunice	110.09	2.21	1.00	111.30
Baker, Eliza	136.03	2.05	1.00	137.08
Baker, Ellen L.	106.24	2.13	1.00	107.37
Baker, George C.	75.09	.74	.50	75.33
Ballou and Goodfellow	101.25	1.53	1.00	101.78
Barnes, Sarah M.	104.28	1.04	1.00	104.32
Barrell, Joseph	166.88	2.51	1.50	167.89
Barron, William B.	113.72	1.71	1.00	114.43
Barrows and Griffin	106.39	1.60	1.00	106.99
Bartow, Hattie W.	50.69	.50	—	51.19
Battles, Alfred	101.78	1.01	1.00	101.79
Battles, Benjamin	108.29	1.63	1.00	108.92
Battles, George A.	107.45	1.61	1.00	108.06
Beaman, Ruth P.	52.06	.78	.50	52.34
Bean, John M.	50.04	.76	.50	50.30
Bean, Laura J.	112.41	1.69	1.00	113.10

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Concluded

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1945</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended by the Commissioners</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1945</i>
Benjamin, William H.	125.19	1.24	1.00	125.43
Berry, Adelaide Warner	100.38	1.00	1.00	100.38
Berry, Bernice Flint	207.60	2.07	1.50	208.17
Bigelow, Benson	108.50	2.17	1.00	109.67
Bigelow, Francis B. (New)	100.00	—	—	100.00
Black, William J. and Harry W.	102.95	2.05	1.00	104.00
Bolton, Alonzo D.	113.85	2.27	1.00	115.12
Bolton, A. Jackson	101.63	1.01	1.00	101.64
Bolton, Franklin E.	107.03	1.06	1.00	107.09
Bolton, Simeon and E. Whitney	106.04	1.60	1.00	106.64
Borey, Melissa J.	52.35	.52	—	52.87
Brooks, Stillman, Edward F. and Alfred L.	223.72	2.23	2.00	223.95
Brown, John	121.37	2.43	1.00	122.80
Brown, Timothy	112.04	1.12	1.00	112.16
Bruce, George and James R.	117.91	1.77	1.00	118.68
Burnham, Edwin L.	102.82	1.02	1.00	102.84
Burpee, Viola N.	77.31	1.55	—	78.86
Carpenter, Joseph	77.44	1.55	.50	78.49
Carr, George W.	116.81	1.75	1.00	117.56
Carter, Merriam and Hanaford	164.89	2.48	1.50	165.87
Carter, William H.	102.85	1.02	1.00	102.87
Chase, Lillie J.	50.42	1.00	.50	50.92
Childs, Lucy J.	217.96	3.27	2.00	219.23

Clark, Hattie and Flora	107.95	1.61	1.00	108.56
Coleman and Derby	172.94	3.46	1.50	174.90
Cook, Levi	101.48	1.00	1.00	101.48
Cowee, Sarah M.	142.00	2.85	1.00	143.85
Curtis, Alonzo and Frank A.	207.42	3.11	2.00	208.53
Cutler, Jonas	107.03	2.15	1.00	108.18
Daisy, Henry H.	110.06	2.21	1.00	111.27
Davis, George M.	101.90	1.53	1.00	102.43
Davis, Horace E.	101.95	1.53	1.00	102.48
Dawley, Charles B.	102.22	2.05	1.50	102.77
Derby, Walter	101.86	1.01	1.00	101.87
Drury, Sarah E.	151.17	3.03	1.00	153.20
Dupee, Charles and Mar	235.71	4.73	1.50	238.94
Durling, Alfred R.	111.75	1.11	1.00	111.86
Eager, Augustus	102.11	1.02	1.00	102.13
Eager, Horatio	100.44	1.00	1.00	100.44
Eaton, Frank	103.16	2.07	1.00	104.23
Eaton, Lura B.	112.21	1.69	1.00	112.90
Eaton, Mary W.	51.43	.50	—	51.93
Eaton, Marshall	149.87	3.00	1.00	151.87
Eaton, Nathan, Jr.	100.00	2.01	1.00	101.01
Eaton, Stillman	150.05	3.01	1.50	151.56
Eaton, William	163.57	3.28	1.50	165.35
Elliott, Flora	50.29	.50	—	50.79
Ellis, Preston R.	185.93	2.79	1.50	187.22
Emerton, Napoleon	100.47	1.00	1.00	100.47
Estabrook, Edward C.	56.53	.84	.50	56.87
Estabrook, Joseph W.	51.21	1.02	.50	51.73

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1945</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended by the Commissioners</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1945</i>
Estey, Oliver	126.20	1.26	1.00	126.46
Farnsworth, Mary A.	56.39	1.12	—	57.51
Fenno, Edgar E.	202.59	3.05	2.00	203.64
Fenno, Frank W.	156.21	3.13	1.00	158.34
Fenno, Franklin B.	100.59	2.01	1.00	101.60
Fenno, Thaddeus B.	104.67	2.09	1.00	105.76
Flagg, Otis	103.50	2.07	1.00	104.57
Forbush, Charles A.	137.11	2.75	1.00	138.86
Forbush, Joseph W.	255.02	5.12	2.50	257.64
Foskett, Sarah A.	53.68	1.33	—	55.01
Foster, Judson	200.94	4.02	1.00	203.96
Frye, Royal L. (New)	100.00	.13	—	100.13
Gates, Helen	65.27	.98	.50	65.75
Gates, Leonard	101.32	2.03	1.00	102.35
Gaut, Thomas	51.90	.51	—	52.41
Giles, Charles F. (New)	200.00	—	—	200.00
Goodridge, John C.	159.19	1.58	1.00	159.77
Goodridge and Rice	101.16	1.00	1.00	101.16
Goss and Sanborn	100.01	2.01	1.00	101.02
Greene, Robert	101.31	2.03	1.00	102.34
Griffin, Carlos G.	206.71	3.20	1.00	208.91
Hadley, Laura E.	102.99	1.54	1.00	103.53
Hager, Elijah	92.86	1.85	—	94.71

Hager, George W.	84.64	1.69	—	86.33
Hager, Joseph	442.06	4.43	3.00	443.49
Ham, George S. and Andrew	238.34	3.59	2.00	239.93
Hansen, Hans and Marie A. K.	104.63	2.09	1.00	105.72
Harrington and Wheeler	52.04	1.04	—	53.08
Harris and Barnes	103.20	1.02	1.00	103.22
Hartwell, Leander	51.75	1.03	.50	52.28
Hay, Arthur	237.55	3.58	2.00	239.13
Haynes, George N.	107.69	1.07	1.00	107.76
Healy and Dairymple	50.26	.50	—	50.76
Herold, Oswald and Minnie (New)	100.00	—	—	100.00
Hicks, Carrie E.	51.27	1.02	.50	51.79
Hill, David W.	237.59	2.37	2.00	237.96
Holden, Asa (New)	100.00	.17	—	100.17
Holden and Ames	170.82	3.42	1.50	172.74
Holden, Jonas	50.67	1.01	—	51.68
Holmes, Rufus	104.26	2.09	1.00	105.35
Hood, Mary E.	138.91	2.78	1.50	140.19
Howard, Joseph	164.19	3.29	1.00	166.48
Howard, Nellie	50.72	1.01	—	51.73
Howard, Nathan	181.11	1.81	1.50	181.42
Howe, Daniel M.	212.65	3.20	2.00	213.85
Hurd, Daniel E.	80.00	1.88	—	81.88
Ingram, E. D. and Mrs.	102.97	1.54	1.00	103.51
Jackson, Levi and Jane	137.92	1.37	1.00	138.29
Jillson, Lester D.	100.53	2.01	1.00	101.54
Johnson, John	104.45	1.57	1.00	105.02
Karkkainen	100.00	1.50	1.00	100.50

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1945</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended by the Commissioners</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1945</i>
Kelty, Bartholomew	99.81	.99	—	100.80
Kendall, E. F. and Ezekiel	471.06	4.71	3.00	472.77
Kendall, Edward S. and Mary	106.43	1.06	1.00	106.49
Kendall, George S.	105.81	1.59	1.00	106.40
Lamb, Stephen F.	117.51	1.17	1.00	117.68
Lantz and Taylor	109.01	1.64	1.00	109.65
Learned and Goodnow	102.59	1.02	1.00	102.61
Leino, Otto A.	100.00	1.13	1.00	100.13
Leland, Hollis J.	50.16	.50	—	50.66
Lewis, Nelson	104.28	1.04	1.00	104.32
Loughlin, Philip H.	105.48	1.05	—	106.53
Lucas, Henry	101.62	1.53	1.00	102.15
Lynde, E. B. and Florence A.	201.35	4.04	1.50	203.89
Lynde, John and Lucy K.	265.23	3.99	2.00	267.22
MacDonald, Cora	100.54	1.00	—	101.54
Mansur, Richard	213.78	2.13	1.00	214.91
Marshall, Julia L.	105.37	1.04	1.00	105.41
Mayo, William	203.76	3.06	2.00	204.82
McAllester, Rev. W. C.	100.30	1.51	1.00	100.81
Merriam, Artemas	166.59	3.34	1.50	168.43
Merriam, Frances	106.09	1.06	—	107.15
Merriam, Frank A.	101.96	2.03	1.00	102.99
Merriam, Oliver M.	113.17	2.27	1.00	114.44

Merriam, Read	104.97	1.04	1.00	105.01
Merriam, Thomas	115.98	1.15	1.50	115.63
Miles, Daniel C.	101.77	1.53	1.00	102.30
Miles and Puffer	57.28	1.42	—	58.70
Miller, Frank E. and Ida	101.13	2.03	1.00	102.16
Miller, George H. and Cyrus T.	208.88	2.08	1.50	209.46
Miller, James W.	125.09	1.24	1.00	125.33
Miller, John C.	118.59	1.18	1.00	118.77
Miller, Jonas	304.72	2.54	2.00	305.26
Miller, Joseph and Emily	203.25	2.03	1.50	203.78
Miller, Sylvester	203.81	3.06	2.00	204.87
Minott, Fannie E.	118.22	1.78	1.00	119.00
Minott, John and Mary H.	103.60	2.07	1.00	104.67
Minott, Joseph	118.87	2.38	1.00	120.25
Mirick, George A.	532.10	5.33	4.00	533.43
Morse, Farwell	104.39	2.09	1.00	105.48
Morse, Merrill E.	99.50	1.99	—	101.49
Neal, Windsor F.	100.95	1.00	—	101.95
Nichols, Carl E.	105.02	1.58	1.00	105.60
Nichols, Charles	216.53	2.16	2.00	216.69
Nichols, Frederick	102.55	1.02	1.00	102.57
Nichols, Lyman	104.95	2.09	1.00	106.04
Nygard, Emma	100.00	.94	1.00	99.94
Ober, Bert	206.92	4.14	1.00	210.06
Page, Porter	280.00	5.62	2.50	283.12
Partridge, Seaver and Hartwell	150.93	3.02	1.50	152.45
Peckham, Horatio	54.92	.54	—	55.46
Perkins, Harrison	60.30	.90	.50	60.70

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1945</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended by the Commissioners</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1943</i>
Pickering, Georgette N.	105.71	1.05	1.00	105.76
Pierce, Elisha	339.98	6.82	2.00	344.80
Puffer, Rev. Stephen	67.11	1.34	—	68.45
Puffer, Samuel and Josiah	106.26	1.06	1.00	106.32
Ray, Hiram	128.28	2.57	1.50	129.35
Ray, Ivers	130.44	2.61	1.00	132.05
Raymond, Abijah H.	107.10	1.06	1.00	107.16
Raymond, Hobart	257.98	3.87	2.00	259.85
Rice, William S.	102.26	1.02	1.00	102.28
Rider, William D.	100.87	1.00	—	101.87
Rose, George M.	125.63	2.51	1.00	127.14
Sakkinen, Charles	156.79	4.65	1.50	159.94
Sargent, J. W. C.	206.06	9.32	1.00	214.38
Saunders, Amos	109.15	1.08	1.00	109.23
Sawin, Otis	247.89	3.72	2.00	249.61
Sawyer, Sanford	106.91	2.13	1.00	108.04
Seaver, Silas and George Baker	80.47	1.21	.50	81.18
Simonds, Charles A.	111.79	1.67	1.00	112.46
Smith, Charles H.	150.82	3.02	1.00	152.84
Smith, Sarah B.	49.97	.99	—	50.96
Spaulding and Rugg	263.32	5.28	2.00	266.60
Sprague, Samuel H.	100.94	1.51	1.00	101.45
Stearns, Sarah H.	128.47	2.57	1.00	130.04
Taylor, Peter (New)	100.00	.38	—	100.38

Upton, George C	1,123.42	16.90	10.00	1,130.32
Walton, Joseph L.	50.32	.50	—	50.82
Ware, Abigail E.	275.25	4.14	2.00	277.39
Warner, Emory	160.12	3.21	1.00	162.33
Wetherby, Lina W.	105.25	1.04	1.00	105.29
Wheeler, Delia	58.24	.58	—	58.82
Whipple and Hackett	126.67	2.53	1.50	127.70
Whitney, Augustine	101.65	2.03	1.00	102.68
Whitman and Whitney	528.61	10.61	4.50	534.72
Whitney, Aaron	103.15	2.07	1.00	104.22
Whitney, Calvin and Canham	103.04	2.07	1.00	104.11
Whitney, John	134.35	2.02	1.00	135.37
Whitney, Malcom R.	102.80	1.02	.50	103.32
Whitney, Stillman	110.38	1.66	1.00	111.04
Whitney, Warren A.	112.29	1.69	1.00	112.98
Wood, Aaron	99.83	1.99	—	101.82
Wood, Theodore S. and Charles	107.18	1.06	1.00	107.24
Woodbury, Joseph	109.74	1.09	1.00	109.83
Wyman, Benjamin	231.77	3.48	2.00	233.25
Wyman, Sophia	152.45	3.05	1.50	154.00
Young, Fidelia Sawin	50.61	1.01	—	51.62
	<u>\$29,609.20</u>	<u>\$448.63</u>	<u>\$227.50</u>	<u>\$29,830.33</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JUDSON R. FOSTER,
Town Treasurer.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS — 1945

TAXES

Current Year:			
Poll	\$	950.00	
Personal		8,802.96	
Real Estate		45,112.15	
		<u> </u>	\$ 54,865.11
Received from City of Fitchburg			874.50
Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts			11.90
Previous Years:			
1943—Real Estate			144.26
1944—Personal	\$	276.76	
Real Estate		7,506.61	
		<u> </u>	7,783.37
1944 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$	10.00	
1945 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax		1,994.57	
		<u> </u>	2,004.57
From State, Corporation, Banks, etc.:			
From State:			
Income Tax	\$	7,425.00	
Corporation Tax		3,612.73	
Meals Tax (Old Age Assistance)		410.58	
Highway Tax		5,665.40	
		<u> </u>	17,113.71
Massachusetts School Fund	\$	3,501.62	
Union Superintendent		773.33	
		<u> </u>	4,274.95
Vocational			723.85
From Licenses			110.50
From Court Fines			25.00
From Dog Licenses from County			573.00
From Hager Park for Wood			79.40

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Hall:	
Rentals	325.50

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

From State:	
Division of Livestock	37.50
From County:	
Services of Dog Officer	12.00
From Sealer of Weights and Measures, Fees	11.60
From B. & M. R. R. for Forest Fires	30.00

BOARD OF HEALTH

From Individuals—Dental Clinic	43.00
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HIGHWAYS AND STATE ROADS

From Machinery Rentals (Town Rentals) \$	3,430.75	
From Machinery Rentals		
(Outside Rentals)	10,354.34	
		13,785.09

From State:		
Chapter 81, 1944 Contract No. 4240	\$ 4,762.45	
Chapter 81, 1945 Contract No. 4419	6,731.68	
		11,494.13
Chapter 90, 1944 Contract No. 9129	\$ 1,499.83	
Chapter 90, 1945 Contract No. 9471	1,235.60	
		2,735.43

From County:		
Chapter 90, 1944 Contract No. 9129	\$ 1,499.83	
Chapter 90, 1945 Contract No. 9471	1,235.60	
		2,735.43

From State:		
Snow and Ice Removal—Route 140		181.00
Reimbursement from State for Snow		
and Ice Removal		2,602.93
Reimbursement for Damage to Trucks		44.80

CHARITIES

Reimbursement:		
From Federal Aid to Dependent		
Children	\$ 313.50	
From State Aid to Dependent Children	294.67	
From State Temporary Aid	576.07	
From Individuals	80.82	
From State Aid	220.00	
		1,485.06

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Reimbursement:

From Federal Aid	\$ 5,411.05
From Federal Administration	180.31
From State	6,089.49
From Other Cities and Towns	40.79

11,721.64

SCHOOLS

Rent of School Auditorium	\$ 6.00
Sale of Old School Building	650.00
Unexpired Insurance	6.88
Sale of Books	1.50

664.38

LIBRARY

From Fines	\$ 43.55
From Lending Library Receipts	25.14
Books Sold	2.80

71.49

From State Guard Rifles Sold	50.00
From State Guard Leggings Sold	20.40
United Farmers Co-op.—Kitchen Fund	25.00
From Sale of Old Boiler	20.00

CEMETERIES

For Care of Lots	\$ 135.00
For Burials	381.00
For Foundations	181.50
For Grading and Seeding	101.50
Sale of Lots and Graves	15.00
Flowers	6.99
Stone	15.00

835.99

INTEREST

From Taxes—1943	\$ 8.13
From Taxes—1944	197.29
From Taxes—1945	18.35
From Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes—1944	.03
From Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes—1945	.17
From Demands	30.10

254.07

Income from Trust Funds:

Library Fund	\$ 27.00
George Miller Library Fund	28.50
Child's Library Fund	2.26
P. P. Ellis Library Fund	7.50
D. W. Saunders Library Fund	30.00
A. R. Hager Library Fund	12.00
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	20.00
Sarah Barnes Library Fund	4.00
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	7.50
Farnsworth Library Fund	7.88
F. S. Whitman Library Fund	6.00
Haws Library Fund	25.00
Henrietta Gates Library Fund	30.00

207.64

Interest on Water Fund

220.00

Blue Cross Deductions

354.50

TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds (New)

800.00

Adelaide Barry Library Fund (New)

100.00

Dog Licenses for County

641.20

Tax Deductions

2,812.38

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Refunds:

Blanket Insurance	\$ 31.07
Liability Insurance	63.19
Loss of Taxes	960.67
Gas Tax	75.06
Pyrofax	.84
General Government	2.00
Snow and Ice	.70
Schools	17.29
Old Age Assistance	20.00

1,170.82

Transfers:

Smith Poor Fund	\$ 204.00
Upton School Fund	325.43
Hager School Fund	200.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	227.50

956.93

Total Receipts

\$145,034.03

Cash on hand January 1, 1945

28,445.52

\$173,479.55

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Legislature:		
Moderator	\$	5.00
Selectmen:		
Salaries	\$	600.00
Membership Dues		9.00
Stamped Envelopes		18.99
Printing, Postage and Supplies		54.67
Warrants		8.00
Expense to Meetings		10.98
Search of Title		12.00
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		713.64
Accountant:		
Salary		700.00
Treasurer:		
Salary	\$	150.00
Dues and Recording Fees		3.00
Surety Bond		58.00
Printing, Postage and Telephone		18.09
Stamped Envelopes		54.23
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		283.32
Collector:		
Salary	\$	800.00
Surety Bond		62.70
Deputy's Bond		5.00
Association Dues		1.00
Tax Title Expense		18.80
Printing, Postage, Forms, etc.		23.73
Books		22.52
Assistant		50.05
Stamped Envelopes		38.26
Tax Bills		80.55
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		1,102.61
Assessors:		
Salaries	\$	675.00
Assistant		16.50
Title Examiner		49.18
Association Dues		6.00

Abstracts	9.08	
Expense at Meetings	21.37	
Printing, Postage, Cards, etc.	67.67	
Telephone	3.85	
		848.65
Other Finance:		
Rent of Safe Deposit Box		24.00
Town Clerk:		
Salary	\$ 100.00	
Assistant	8.75	
Bond	5.00	
Recording Fees	52.80	
Expense at Meetings	7.44	
Telephone, Printing, Postage, etc.	13.49	
Envelopes	7.95	
Cards and Sheets	23.52	
		218.95
Election and Registration:		
Registrars	\$ 58.90	
Election Officers	36.25	
		95.15
School Committee Salary		225.00
Public Welfare Salary		300.00
Appropriation \$4,880.00 — Balance \$379.93		\$ 4,516.32
Transferred from Reserve \$16.25		
Town Hall:		
Janitor	\$ 455.00	
Assistant	6.00	
Fuel	252.41	
Lights	96.78	
Supplies	17.91	
Repairs	14.20	
Telephone	32.49	
Ground Work Outside	167.17	
Water Rent	17.81	
		\$ 1,059.77
Appropriation \$1,000.00		
Transferred from Reserve \$59.77		

Police Protection:			
Police Work	\$	483.48	
Constable		4.00	
Lock-up of Prisoners		5.00	
			492.48
Appropriation \$500.00 — Balance \$7.52			
Dog Officer:			
Services	\$	47.85	
			47.85
Appropriation \$50.00 — Balance \$2.15			
Fire Department:			
Yearly Salaries	\$	133.00	
Wages—Testing Hose and House Fires		433.50	
Fireman's Insurance		170.00	
Truck Insurance		123.70	
Repairs on Trucks		172.42	
Apparatus and Hose		286.16	
Oil		288.75	
Supplies		599.18	
Lights		81.63	
Repairs on Building		11.11	
Water Rent		7.12	
Telephone		45.28	
Shoveling		17.50	
			2,369.35
Forestry:			
Forest Warden	\$	25.00	
Forest Fires		95.25	
Supplies		1.05	
			121.30
Appropriation \$2,500.00 — Balance \$9.35			
Forest Fire Equipment			209.50
Appropriation \$500.00 — Balance \$290.50			
Tree Warden			50.00
Appropriation \$50.00			
Moth:			
Labor			149.80
Appropriation \$150.00 — Balance \$0.20			

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary	\$	60.00	
Equipment		3.95	
Insurance on Scales		41.25	
			105.20

Appropriation \$60.00

Transferred from Reserve \$45.20

Rationing Board:

Repairs on Typewriter	\$	12.00	
Telephone		44.74	
			56.74

Appropriation \$200.00 — Balance \$143.26

BOARD OF HEALTH

Inspection of School Children	\$	75.00	
Inspection of Barns and Animals		75.00	
Inspection of Meats		7.50	
Cleaning of Dump		67.00	
Dental Clinic		173.08	
Diphtheria Clinic		28.50	
Burial Permits		5.00	
			431.08

Appropriation \$250.00

Transferred from Reserve \$181.08

Tuberculosis Hospital (Appropriation \$1,483.33) 1,483.33

HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81:

Labor and Trucks	\$	6,231.63	
Machinery Rentals		3,800.95	
Tarmac and Asphalt		4,484.05	
Gravel and Sand		301.43	
Equipment and Street Signs		217.21	
			15,035.27

Appropriation \$ 5,000.00

State 10,000.00

Transferred from Reserve \$35.27

Machinery Repairs:

Tires, Tubes, Recaps, Tire Repairs	\$	1,047.16	
Gasoline and Oil		1,838.63	
Labor and Parts		2,835.77	
			5,721.56

Overdraft Dec. 31, 1944	\$3,660.25	
Transferred from Rentals \$8,105.28		
Gas Tax 75.06		
Overdraft Dec. 31, 1945	1201.47	
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Sidewalk Repairs:		
Labor	\$ 445.70	
Sand, Gravel and Supplies	201.70	
Rentals	37.00	
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		684.42
Appropriation \$500.00		
Transferred from Reserve \$184.42		
Bridges:		
Labor	\$ 150.65	
Lumber	98.23	
Sand, Gravel, Cement, etc.	155.46	
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		404.34
Appropriation \$400.00		
Transferred from Reserve \$4.34		
Snow and Ice Removal:		
Labor, Repairs and Insurance	\$ 5,954.34	
Telephone and Lights	84.72	
Tires and Chains	979.48	
Gas, Oil and Fuel	676.12	
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		7,694.66
Appropriation \$5,500.00 — Overdraft \$1,195.77		
Refund .70		
Trans. from Res. 998.19		
Snow and Ice Sidewalks:		
Labor		45.80
Appropriation \$100.00 — Balance \$54.20		
Contract		1,676.76
Appropriation \$1,700.00 — Balance \$23.24		
Watering Tubs and Guide Boards		74.52
Appropriation \$75.00 — Balance \$0.48		
Chapter 90 Maintenance:		
Labor	\$ 2,321.55	
Materials	1,566.52	
Rentals	611.75	
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		4,499.82

Appropriation \$1,500. — Balance carried forward \$.18
 State's Share 1,500.
 County's Share 1,500.

PUBLIC WELFARE

Allowances, Board and Care	\$ 826.07
Medicine and Medical Attendance	224.60
Groceries, Provisions, Clothing, etc.	195.11
Fuel	45.51
Funeral Expenses	98.00
Charlton Home Farm	391.58
All Other	14.27

1,795.14

Appropriation \$4,000.00 — Balance \$2,408.86
 Smith Fund Income \$204.00

Aid to Dependent Children:

Allowances (Appropriation \$1,000 — Balance \$430)	570.00
Federal Grant	314.00
Balance January 1, 1945, \$28.00	
Received \$313.50 — Balance Forwarded \$27.50	

Old Age Assistance:

Allowances	\$ 6,450.46
Medicine and Medical Care	232.19
Funeral and Other Expense	400.00

7,082.65

Appropriation \$7,500.00 — Balance \$437.35
 Refund 20.00

Federal Grant:

Allowances	\$ 4,934.10
Medicine and Medical Care	272.04

5,206.14

Balance January 1, 1945, \$53.55

Federal Grant \$5,411.05 — Balance forwarded \$258.46

Old Age Administration	204.23
Balance January 1, 1945, \$42.76 — Balance Forwarded \$18.84 — Federal Grant \$180.31	

Soldiers' Relief	1,535.84
Appropriation \$1,250.00	
Transferred from Reserve \$285.84	

State Aid	120.00
Appropriation \$120.00	

SCHOOLS		
School Committee:		
Expense	\$ 64.20	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	25.45	
Census	25.00	
Telephone (Both Schools)	100.22	
	<u> </u>	\$ 214.87
Superintendent:		
Salary	\$ 1,482.70	
Clerk in Superintendent's Office	150.00	
Traveling Expense, Telephone and All Other	263.51	
	<u> </u>	1,896.21
Supervisors:		
Music Teacher	\$ 680.00	
Drawing Teacher	680.00	
Writing Teacher	268.11	
	<u> </u>	1,628.11
Nurse:		
Salary	\$ 629.00	
Expense	38.29	
	<u> </u>	667.29
Teachers' Salaries:		
Junior High School	\$ 4,995.33	
Elementary	7,462.08	
	<u> </u>	12,457.41
Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Fund		615.75
Text Books and Supplies:		
Junior High School	\$ 856.87	
Elementary	402.40	
	<u> </u>	1,259.27
Tuition:		
High School	\$ 3,381.09	
Junior High School	4,683.24	
Elementary	238.85	
	<u> </u>	8,303.18

Transportation:			
High School	\$ 3,781.00		
Junior High School	1,935.16		
Elementary	<u>4,741.84</u>	10,458.00	
Janitor's Service:			
Junior High School	\$ 530.85		
Elementary	<u>1,046.65</u>	1,577.50	
Water Rent		23.75	
Fuel and Lights:			
Junior High Schools	\$ 1,306.40		
Elementary	<u>188.84</u>	1,495.24	
Maintenance of Building and Grounds:			
Junior High Schools:			
Inspection of Boilers	\$ 5.00		
Repairs	56.61		
Supplies	26.13		
All Other	<u>85.83</u>	173.57	
Elementary:			
Inspection of Boilers	\$ 5.00		
Repairs	70.98		
Supplies	4.00		
All Other	<u>1.87</u>	81.85	
Printing		<u>8.00</u>	\$ 40,860.00
Appropriation \$42,470.00 — Balance \$2,152.72			
Refunds	17.29		
Upton Fund	325.43		
Hager Fund	200.00		

VOCATIONAL

Tuition	\$ 1,309.40	
Transportation	<u>518.00</u>	1,827.40
Appropriation \$2,000.00 — Balance \$172.60		

		LIBRARY	
Salaries:			
Librarian	\$	669.30	
Assistant		402.50	
Janitor		240.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,311.80
Books and Periodicals:			
Books	\$	256.94	
Periodicals		93.90	
Binding Books		202.08	
Telephone, Stationery and Postage		27.07	
Supplies, Expense and Printing		14.82	
Janitor's Supplies		.59	
		<hr/>	595.40
Buildings and Grounds:			
Repairs	\$	34.98	
Care of Grounds		9.60	
Fuel		140.49	
Lights		74.44	
		<hr/>	259.51
		<hr/>	2,166.71
Appropriation \$1,400.00 — Balance \$13.93			
Dog Fund 573.00			
Income from Trust Funds \$207.64			

		UNCLASSIFIED	
Kitchen Fund			25.00
Band Concerts (Appropriation \$125.00)			125.00
Memorial Day (Appropriation \$135.00 — Balance \$.13)			134.87
War Memorial (Appropriation \$50.00 — Transferred from Reserve \$2.60)			52.60
Care of Town Clock (Appropriation \$20.00)			20.00
Printing Town Reports (Appropriation \$160.00 — Transferred from Reserve \$20.00)			180.00
Blanket Fire Insurance (Appropriation \$838.75 — Trans. from Reserve \$134.35 — Refunds \$94.26)			1,067.36
Liability Insurance (Appropriation \$413.75 — Balance \$247.33 — Balance January 1, 1945, \$247.33)			413.75
Census (Appropriation \$150.00)			150.00
Worcester County Extension Service (Appropriation \$50.00)			50.00

Massachusetts Hospital Service (Deductions)		350.50
Purchase of Old Schoolhouse (Appropriation \$1,500.00)		1,500.00
Miscellaneous:		
Care of Town Common	\$ 9.00	
Insurance on Old Schoolhouse	7.50	
Plumbing for Soup Kitchen	10.90	
Outside Labor, etc.	20.67	
		48.07
(Appropriation \$150.00 — Balance \$101.93)		
Hager Park Trustees:		
Administration	\$ 10.00	
Cutting and Trucking Wood	63.86	
		73.86
(Appropriation \$500.00 — Balance \$426.14)		

CEMETERIES

Labor and Motor Mower	\$ 1,582.53	
Shrubs and Flowers	19.00	
Equipment, Cement, etc.	47.97	
		1,649.50
(Appropriation \$2,000.00 — Balance \$350.50)		

INTEREST

Interest on School Note	375.00
(Appropriation \$450.00 — Balance \$75.00)	

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Schoolhouse Note (from Excess and Deficiency Fund)	1,500.00
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AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency:	
County Tax (Appropriation \$3,549.80 — Deficit Forwarded \$90.57)	3,639.85
State Tax (Appropriation \$2,108.00)	2,108.00
State Parks and Reservations (Appropriation \$81.63 — Balance Forwarded \$20.30)	61.33
Auditing Municipal Accounts Tax (Appropriation \$483.22)	483.22
Federal Tax Deductions	2,812.38
Dog Licenses for County	641.20

Investment:		
War Bonds		5,000.00
Library Fund (new)		100.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care (new)		950.00
Refunds:		
Taxes	\$	.11
Excise Tax		1.26
		<hr/> 1.37
Total Payments		<hr/> \$132,124.84
Cash Balance January 1, 1946		41,354.71
		<hr/> \$173,479.55

EDWARD R. MILLER,
Town Accountant.

TRUST FUNDS, CASH AND SECURITIES

	<i>Amount January 1st, 1945</i>	<i>Income 1945</i>	<i>Income Spent 1945</i>	<i>Principal Gained</i>	<i>New Trust Funds</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1945</i>
F. W. Smith Poor Fund	\$35,210.28	\$589.65	\$204.00			\$35,595.93
J. W. Forbush Poor Fund	3,720.98	56.01				3,776.99
Upton School Fund	13,302.34	447.01	325.43	\$1,092.75		14,516.67
Hager School Fund	14,445.05	207.81	200.00			14,452.86
Preston P. Ellis School Fund	810.12	10.63				820.75
Charles R. Dutton School Fund	900.41	9.02				909.43
Town Library Fund	1,800.00	27.00	27.00			1,800.00
George A. Miller Library Fund	1,901.16	28.50	28.50			1,901.16
Lucy J. Child's Library Fund	150.00	2.26	2.26			150.00
Preston P. Ellis Library Fund	500.00	7.50	7.50			500.00
Daniel W. Sanders Library Fund	2,000.00	30.00	30.00			2,000.00
A. R. Hager Library Fund	600.00	12.00	12.00			600.00
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	1,000.00	20.00	20.00			1,000.00
Sarah M. Barnes Library Fund	200.00	4.00	4.00			200.00
M. A. Farnsworth Library Fund	525.00	7.88	7.88			525.00
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	500.00	7.50	7.50			500.00
Fred S. Whitman Library Fund	300.00	6.00	6.00			300.00
M. D. Haws Library Fund	1,000.00	25.00	25.00			1,000.00
Henrietta Gates Library Fund	3,484.58	34.85	30.00			3,489.43
Adelaide Berry Library Fund					\$100.00	100.00
Joseph Barrell Cemetery Fund	2,307.14	44.49				2,351.63

TRUST FUNDS, CASH AND SECURITIES — Concluded

	<i>Amount January 1st, 1945</i>	<i>Income 1945</i>	<i>Income Spent 1945</i>	<i>Principal Gained</i>	<i>New Trust Funds</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1945</i>
Daniel W. Sanders Cemetery Fund	2,165.44	43.52				2,208.96
M. A. Creed Cemetery Wall Fund	1,272.07	12.75				1,284.82
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	28,816.14	441.69*	227.50		800.00	29,830.33
Water Investment Fund	15,000.00	220.00	220.00			15,000.00
	<u>\$131,910.71</u>	<u>\$2,295.07</u>	<u>\$1,384.57</u>	<u>\$1,092.75</u>	<u>\$ 900.00</u>	<u>\$134,813.96</u>
Rehabilitation Fund	\$10,188.54	\$172.33			\$5,000.00	\$15,360.87
Celebration Committee	38.68	.63			7.00	46.31
Grange & Co-op. Ass'n Fund	50.00	.47			25.00	75.47*

*Books sold

*Added since \$35.00

*\$6.94 Maintenance added

TRIAL BALANCE OF DECEMBER 31ST, 1945

<i>Assets</i>		<i>Liabilities</i>	
Cash on Hand	\$41,354.71	Machinery Rentals	\$13,785.09
Library Cash	10.00	Cemetery Lots	40.00
Taxes 1944 (in tax taking)	78.60	Aid to Dependent Children	
Taxes 1945 (since paid \$1,148.94)	8,214.66	(Federal Grant)	27.50
Tax Title	1,678.72	Aid to Dependent Children	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax		(Federal Administration)	26.47
(since paid)	18.00	Old Age Assistance (Federal Grant)	258.46
Accounts Receivable:		Old Age Assistance (Federal Adm'r)	18.84
War Allowance	100.00	State Aid	30.00
Public Welfare	554.63	Departmental Revenue	1,022.77
Old Age Assistance	270.24	Tax Title Revenue	1,678.72
Highway Bills	127.90	Motor Vehicle Tax Revenue	18.00
Chapter 81, Highways	3,268.32	Aid to Highway Revenue	3,797.12
Chapter 90, Maintenance	528.80	Overlay 1945	654.42
Snow and Ice, Deficit	1,195.77	Overlay Reserve	4,506.97
County Tax	90.57	Balances Forwarded:	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	150.00	Chapter 90, Maintenance	.18
Machinery Repairs	1,201.47	Joseph Barrell Cemetery Fund	1.00
		Town Hall Repairs	1,000.00
		Sidewalk Plow	2,900.00
		State Parks and Reservations	20.30
		Mass. Hospital Service	4.00
		Excess and Deficiency Surplus	29,052.55
Net Funded Debt	\$58,842.39		\$58,842.39
	\$13,500.00	Schoolhouse Loan	\$13,500.00

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

February 1, 1946

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby submit for your approval the twenty-seventh annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1945.

The following is a list and type of fires we were called upon to extinguish:

Buildings	7
Oil Burner	1
Chimneys	4
Brush	10

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. BEACH,
W. H. GOODRIDGE,
PETER ARCANGELI,
Board of Fire Engineers.

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

For the Year 1945

To the Board of Selectmen:

During the year 1945 the following weighing and measuring devices were tested and sealed:

- 14 gasoline measuring pumps
- 2 kerosene measuring pumps
- 1 fuel oil delivery meter
- 3 platform scales 5,000 lbs. or less
- 1 spring scale over 100 lbs.
- 3 spring scales under 100 lbs.
- 1 counter scale over 100 lbs.
- 6 computing scales under 100 lbs.

The number of gasoline pumps tested increased almost 50% over that of last year as a result of ending gas rationing.

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO A. LEINO,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

For Year Ending December 31, 1945

The following figures relate to the Poll and Property Taxes as assessed January 1, 1944 and January 1, 1945.

Value of Assessed Personal Estate:	1944	1945
Stock-in-Trade	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 9,550.00
Machinery	13,700.00	17,450.00
Livestock	52,185.00	51,293.00
Other Tangibles	216,138.00	209,109.00

Value of Assessed Real Estate:		
Land	400,650.00	405,370.00
Buildings	1,162,860.00	1,202,065.00

Total Value of Assessed Property	\$1,854,733.00	\$1,894,837.00
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Tax Rate per \$1,000.00	\$34.00	\$33.00
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Taxes for State, County and Town Purposes:

On Personal Estate	\$ 9,901.58	\$ 9,504.07
On Real Estate	53,159.34	53,045.35
On Polls	1,278.00	1,288.00

Total Taxes To Be Raised	\$ 64,338.92	\$ 63,837.42
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Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:	1944	1945
Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed	639	646
Total Assessed Value	\$68,964.00	\$60,050.00
Total Excise Tax	2,396.30	2,033.65
Excise Rate per \$1,000.00	35.85	35.60
Number of Polls Assessed	639	642
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	19,538	—
Number of Houses Assessed	526	527
Number of Camps Assessed	293	306
Number of Livestock Assessed:		
Cows	536	504

Young Stock	135	109
Horses	50	50
Swine	564	611
Fowl	27,675	26,305
Sheep	12	19
All Others	20	43
Abatements:	1944	1945
Real Estate	\$402.55	\$239.25
Personal	46.75	20.46
Motor Vehicles	47.93	22.34
Men in Service	210.00	228.00
Men Over 70 Years	90.00	98.00
All Others	18.00	14.00
	<hr/> \$815.23	<hr/> \$622.05

Also there was in January 1946 as a left-over of 1945 taxes a commitment amounting to \$12.00 on car valued at \$450.00.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT E. GATES,
NELSON S. GREELY,
ELMER E. LUOMA,
Board of Assessors.

January 15, 1946

Report of the TRUSTEES OF FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

For the Year 1945

There were four quarterly meetings held in April, August, October and December for the regular conduct of business.

War-time restrictions and limitations made the upkeep of the Library more of a problem than under normal circumstances. Enough fuel was procured, however, so that the Library was open on its regular schedule except for a brief period. Leaks in the roof have continued to be a problem aggravated by the shortage of labor and materials, but every effort has been made to repair them. With the end of the war, it is hoped that defects of construction may be permanently remedied in the near future.

The Trustees voted to express their thanks to Mrs. Anna Laughlin who furnished the Library's water supply which through the years has had increased demands made upon it.

Among the many new books of fact and fiction which the librarians have purchased with the Board's authorization, the new edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica is a substantial and noteworthy addition to the available body of reference material. The old edition made a welcome gift to the schools.

It was found impossible to decorate with lights the tree in front of the Library at Christmastime as was the custom before the war.

Respectfully submitted,

LOIS F. INNIS,
ARTHUR K. RICE,
LILLIAN A. McALLESTER,
ROBERT M. DENTON,
DORIS M. FENNO,
J. PHILIP HOWARD,
Library Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of Forbush Memorial Library:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1945.

Fifty new readers have registered at the library during the year. Many new books have been added to our files. Among those of general interest are: Home Mechanic's Handbook, Watch and Clockmaker's Handbook, How to Ride your Hobby, Lighthouses of New England, Railroad Avenue, and Outwitting Our Nerves.

The library was closed eight days during February because of fuel shortage, which accounts for the decrease in the general circulation.

The pay shelf has been well patronized, twenty-five dollars and fourteen cents has been received from this source.

Fifty-five magazines were available to the public; thirteen of these were given.

Books in the Finnish language have been supplied by the Division of Public Libraries of Boston.

In January there was an interesting exhibit in the library of Christmas cards printed from blocks and stencils. These were designed and cut by pupils from grades seven, eight and nine of Junior High. There were also Christmas seals designed and cut by grade six. At Christmas, several dozen cards like those exhibited were sent by the schools to the Convalescent Hospital at Fort Devens.

The telephone, which was recently installed, is proving a great convenience.

We are grateful to the Trustees for their co-operation and understanding.

LIBRARY STATISTICS

Days open	141
Largest day's circulation, February 17	159
Smallest day's circulation, June 18	32
Average daily circulation	77
Total circulation	10,883
Number of volumes added by gift	47
Number of volumes added by purchase	288
Total number of volumes added	335

GIFTS — BOOKS

25 volumes	Mrs. Vance Butterfield
15 volumes	Miss Ardis Bascom
1 volume	Miss Aluida Goguen
1 volume	Mr. Sanderson
"Know How" Manual for Automotive Trades	Thompson
Historical Collection	Insurance Company of North America
A War Job Thought Impossible	Chrysler Corporation
Man and the Soil	International Harvester Company
Autumn Leaves	Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company

PERIODICALS

Antiques	Mrs. Albert Sargent
Missions	Baptist Mission Circle
Christian Leader	Ladies' Social Circle
Polish Review	Publishers
Netherlands News Digest	Publishers
Soviet Russia Today	Publishers
News of China	United China Relief
News from Belgium and the Belgium Congo	Publishers
Humane Review	Publishers
Dumb Animals	Publishers
Living Tissue	Publishers
Tax Talk	Publishers

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH L. HARRINGTON,
Librarian.

HAGER PARK TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the Year 1945

Due to a shortage of wood choppers and the high price of labor, the hurricane wood is not all cleared up at Hager Park. We have had the Highway Department cutting some.

There have been two cords of wood delivered to the Library; $8\frac{1}{2}$ cords to Town Hall, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ cords to the Legion Hall, this Fall and Winter. Money was received from these departments and turned over to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN D. HOWARD,
FRANK A. ADAMS,
Hager Park Trustees.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE TAXES OF 1943

Outstanding December 31, 1944	\$ 144.26
Payments to Treasurer	144.26

PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE TAXES OF 1944

Outstanding December 31, 1944		\$ 7,896.31
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 7,783.37	
Abatements	3.40	
Tax Titles	30.94	
Outstanding December 31, 1945 (in process of tax taking)	78.60	
		7,896.31

POLL TAXES OF 1945

Commitments		\$ 1,288.00
Over Payment		2.00
		\$ 1,290.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 950.00	
Abatements	14.00	
Men in Service — 228		
Men over 70 — 98	326.00	
		\$ 1,290.00

PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE TAXES OF 1945

Commitments		\$ 62,549.42
Refund		.11
		\$ 62,549.53
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 53,915.11	
Abatements	259.71	
Taxes added to Tax Titles	125.57	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	32.48	
Balance December 31, 1945	8,216.66	
		\$ 62,549.53

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX OF 1944

Outstanding December 31, 1944	\$	10.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$	10.00

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX OF 1945

Commitments	\$	2,033.65
Refund		1.26
	\$	2,034.91
Payments to Treasurer	\$	1,994.57
Abatements		21.08
Refund		1.26
Outstanding December 31, 1945		18.00
	\$	2,034.91

INTEREST COLLECTED

Taxes 1943	\$	8.13
Taxes 1944		197.29
Taxes 1945		18.35
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1944		.03
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1945		.17
Demands		30.10
	\$	254.07

FLORENCE B. RICE,
Tax Collector.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Westminster School Committee wishes to report that definite educational progress has been made since last September along the following lines:

1. More classes are held before lunch period (when pupils are most alert) than previously.
2. By an improvement in scheduling classes, pupils actually have more periods of major subjects per week than previously. The junior high pupils have from one and three quarter hours to two hours of SUPERVISED study per day, a change that is proving very beneficial. Study periods amount to little unless they are SUPERVISED.
3. An unnecessarily long Junior High lunch period has been shortened so that school is now being dismissed at 2:30 P.M. rather than 3 P.M. This is of benefit to the great majority of our students who have to leave home early in the morning and travel on school busses.
4. Through the cooperation of our excellent janitor, more seats and desks have been placed in the classrooms of the Loughlin School. This makes it possible at certain scheduled periods to have the entire three grades seated in two rooms. A teacher may have a class in a subject while one-half another class studies in the rear. This enables the principal to have definitely scheduled periods for administrative work in the office or in the Upton building, and eliminated the problem of unsupervised study periods which were formerly a source of disturbance. The Superintendent thus knows at what times the principal will be in the office.
5. A master-schedule has been organized showing the assignment of each teacher every period. A copy of this is posted in the office. School officials thus know readily where any teacher is and what periods the principal is in the office and what periods he is teaching. A bulletin board has been placed in the office showing the master-schedule, schedule for fire drills, programs of study, directory, itinerary of

supervisors, schedule of play supervision, etc. The couch has been removed from the office and an effort has been made to have the room appear as an office for the principal and superintendent rather than a rest room.

6. The system of filing at fire drills has been changed at both buildings to allow quicker and more orderly egress from the schools.
7. Mr. Herman has inaugurated an all-inclusive Junior High sports program that pleases the Committee. This program is not limited to a few star performers but allows all boys and girls to participate who are physically able.
8. The School Department, in cooperation with the Junior High School, has purchased a Bell-Howell sound 16MM Motion Picture Projector which we feel will be of definite educational advantage to the school.

The Committee regrets that the pressure of personal business necessitated the resignation of Mr. Foster Beach from our committee. He was a good and loyal member and had the interests of our school system at heart. We have been most fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Guy Cossaboom as the new committee member and hope that he will give the School Department the advantage of his services for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH E. ROPER, Chairman.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1945

DIRECTORY OF THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Guy Cossaboom	Term Expires 1946
Mrs. Doris B. Jones	Term Expires 1947
Mr. Ralph E. Roper	Term Expires 1948

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Laurence A. Fogg (Office, Waushacum Avenue) Sterling, Mass.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN	Bernice Perkins, M.D.
SCHOOL NURSE	Helen T. McKowen, R.N.
SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC	Priscilla Mansur
SUPERVISOR OF ART	Margaretta Boylan
SUPERVISOR OF PENMANSHIP	W. L. Rinehart

FACULTY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Local Exp.</i>	<i>Total Exp.</i>	<i>Degrees Granted</i>
Beaumont A. Herman	Principal	1	12	A.B., M.A. ph.D.
Catherine A. Sullivan	Junior High Departmental	19	19	B.S.
Louise M. Badger	Junior High Departmental	1	23	
Mary B. Smith	Grade 6	16	16	B.S.
Bernice Rowe Hemmi	Grade 5	2	2	
Gladys L. Towle	Grade 4	1	19	
Carrie I. Estabrook	Grade 2	35	35	
Sylvia Turunen	Grade 3	18	18	B.S.
Doris Fenno	Grade 1	25	25	
Fred Goodridge,	School Custodian			

To the School Committee and Citizens of Westminster:

I herewith submit my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

Since our last report the United Nations have won a great war for national survival and for the survival of individual rights as we know them. As we read recent releases our eyes are opened to the realization of how close we came to the abyss; how narrow the line between victory and the prostration of our way of life. We can take great pride in our development of a social, political, and economic system that has once more overcome the forces of evil most decisively, this time on a world wide scale. Our pride must be tempered with humility for the margin was narrow and the cost great.

In our last report we said that after this war is over we must teach our children to wage peace as we wage war; that is, with all the skill, devotion and energy with which we are endowed. I repeat this again, with increased emphasis, for we now enter the Atomic Age. We cannot allow history to repeat itself as we have in the past by our indifference, isolationism, and shallow optimism. Only an unscrupulous, agressor nation will launch or can win an Atomic war. America is not such and therefore will not have a third chance for survival. America is a breaker of precedent. Let us teach our children to break the precedent of history and wage peace with all the brawn, brain and courage with which mankind has waged war. The winning of permanent peace is the only hope of freedom loving peoples.

America has seventeen million children between the ages of eleven and seventeen. Ten years from now they will all be adults. I believe that we can sincerely tell our children that it's a great time to be young, that we can anticipate a long period of constructive peace, that we are entering an era of health and of better living; that there never was so good a time to be an American. It certainly is within our power to make that come true. We believe that American schools, homes and churches will rise to the challenge and to the necessity. America now stands at the summit of the world, a very lonely spot if we stand alone; an enviable and inspiring spot if we share it with others.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

The greatest single service that can be rendered a school system by its superintendent and school committee is in the wise selection of teachers. Present day teacher shortages do not permit us our

former freedom of choice in this matter. Therefore, wisdom sometimes availeth little! School systems today are looking for teachers who are neither radical nor extremely conservative; teachers who stress and teach children their RESPONSIBILITIES as well as their rights, law instead of license.

The end of the war does not give promise of solving the teacher shortage. We are told that there will be little change for the better in the next five years, particularly in the elementary field. Teachers in general will be scarce. Good teachers will be at a premium. The salary item in school budgets must be larger in coming years.

I am very pleased with the work that is being done in Westminster by Dr. Herman and our school faculty. It is a pleasure to visit the schools and to have other school officials do so. We are also most fortunate in having our school custodian, Mr. Fred Goodridge.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL FITNESS

Selective Service records show conclusively that we are not reaching the mark in this field. A proper physical education program will help overcome this. The attention that our schools are now paying to diet and dental programs are a helpful influence. New advances in medical science, shorter working hours and a higher standard of living for the low income American family should all contribute something to improving our national health picture. Some say that military training at eighteen years of age is the answer. This is probably not the whole answer in view of the fact that most physical fitness and health deficiencies among our youth need to be discovered and corrected long before graduation from high school.

THE TESTING PROGRAM

According to test authorities, Intelligence tests should be given at four different levels during the public school career of our youth; the primary level, the intermediate level, the junior high and senior high levels. In accordance with this, we intend to give these tests in grades one, four, seven and ten. These four I.Q. Tests, given through the child's school career, should provide a reasonably accurate estimate of mental ability. We plan to give the Achievement tests to all grades in May.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE AND EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS

All children must attend school between the ages of seven and

sixteen. Certain exceptions may be made by the superintendent of schools for children who have reached the age of fourteen. Employment permits, sometimes called "School Cards" are required of all persons under twenty-one who are employed in manufacturing, mercantile, and certain other establishments and trades. These can be obtained by applying to Miss Doris Fenno at her residence on Main Street. The minor must apply outside of school hours, must appear in person and present suitable evidence of age, health, and of having met certain scholastic requirements.

ENTERING AGE

Children must be six years of age on or before December 31, if they are to enter in September of that year. No pupil will be admitted to Grade one later than October 1 except by transfer from another school, and then only if of age stated above. All children must present a birth certificate or other definite evidence of age.

A child should have a mental age of six years and six months to be really ready to read. According to tests, if a child's mental age is below six, starting reading is useless. We intend to give tests of reading readiness to all children entering grade one, and to advise parents of the probability of reading success. Although the child may meet the chronological age requirement stated above, if the test reveals a lack of reading readiness, we hope that the child will not be enrolled until the following year. The final decision will of course be made by the parent. Following test results should practically eliminate failure in the first grade.

THE HIGH SCHOOL QUESTION

Due to the fact that the 1940 census revealed that Westminster has over 500 families the town lost approximately \$8,000 each year in State Reimbursements. Mr. J. Philip Howard, Representative to the General Court, and the superintendent of schools are working on the problem of obtaining some modification of this loss through new legislation.

From a financial standpoint should Westminster have its own four year high school? According to my figures, if you had the plant available, we could operate your entire school system twelve to fifteen hundred dollars cheaper per year than we are now doing. That is, not considering the cost of more rooms, equipment, etc. This saving would be eaten up for the next ten or twelve years in paying for the cost of putting the Loughlin School on a four year high school basis. After this period the financial saving would begin

to be real. If Westminster should grow rapidly in the next five years the financial value of the change to a four year high school would grow in proportion to the increase in population during that time. At the present time our grade 9, 10, 11, and 12 enrollment in regular high school is around 85. As this number approaches and continues beyond a 100 pupil enrollment, the financial desirability of having our own high school will be certain. Thus far I have been talking about the financial angle of the question, only. There are other aspects of the question set forth below:

ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF SMALL TOWN HIGH SCHOOL

1. There is a marked degree of personal recognition of students.
2. There is closer student-teacher contact.
3. A larger percentage of the students participate in the major activities of the school.
4. The reticent student is likely to receive more attention.
5. There is strong school support by the community, since there are few outside attractions.
6. There is an intimate relationship between the home and the school.
7. It is easier to discover the special abilities, aptitudes, and capacities of students.
8. The pupil contacts with school executives are much freer and more frequent.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST SMALL TOWN HIGH SCHOOL

1. A large high school offers a variety of curriculums.
2. The Health, Guidance, and library facilities of large school likely to be better.
3. A large plant can make certain economies in administration and plant operation.
4. In general, the administrative and teaching personnel of the large school is better trained and more adequately paid.
5. The differentiated program of the large high school enables it to provide for the individual differences of pupils.
6. The large high school is more likely to escape the troubles caused by a few objectors, or single antagonist who often attempts to dominate the small school district.
7. The large school has more men on the faculty for boys' counselors; also fewer changes in faculty.
8. Large school has trained directors and good equipment for extra curricular activities.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. I am pleased to report that through the cooperation of the Board of Health, the local Red Cross Unit, Miss McKowen, and Dr. Schmidt of Barre, we have had a most successful school dental clinic.
2. We are very pleased with the success of our school soup-milk program which has been sponsored and carried out by a group of interested women of the community.
3. The school department is pleased with the JUNIOR HIGH basketball program carried on by Mr. Herman and Miss Sullivan. Both boys and girls have teams and are getting a type of program that is beneficial as well as enjoyable.
4. The high school youth and the male adults of the community are having the use of the school auditorium one night each per week for a games program.

VISUAL EDUCATION

The publicity given to the military training program created tremendous interest in the use of audio-visual materials as a part of our educational program. As a result of this wave of interest, many are predicting a rapid expansion in the use of these materials in our schools in the post war period. However, while interest is paramount in the development of this program, it is by no means the only factor. Consequently one may ask if the circumstances which have always had a tendency to check the further use of audio-visual materials have been altered by the military training program?

Here are the basic factors that, in the past, have had a tendency to retard the audio-visual program in our schools. (1) Teacher training, (2) The attitude of the administrator, (3) Distribution of materials, (4) Production of Materials, (5) Cost.

Teacher training and production and distribution of materials are still limiting factors that must be overcome. The success of the audio-visual program in the schools of tomorrow depends upon the degree to which the different groups will cooperate with one another in an effort to further the whole movement.

Good teachers have always used a form of audio-visual program, particularly in the grades. Modern materials would help such teachers if they were trained in their use. Other teachers would profit but little. Visual education is a lot more than merely showing a moving picture.

Complete audio-visual equipment would require the following:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. 35 MM Sound Projector | 2. 35 MM Silent Projector |
| 3. 16 MM Sound Projector | 4. 16 MM Silent Projector |
| 5. Standard—3 by 5 Slide | 6. 2 by 2 Slide |
| 7. 35 MM Strip Film Machine | 8. Tripurpose Projector |
| 9. Opaque Projector | 10. Motion Picture Camera |
| 11. 2 by 2 Slide Camera | |

The cost of this equipment would approximate \$2,000.

STATE REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED OR DUE FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1945
ALSO TRUST FUND RECEIPTS

1. Superintendent's Salary and Expense		\$ 773.33
2. General Fund Part I		2,000.00
3. General Fund Part II		3,501.62
4. Tuition, Transportation State Wards		1,348.64
5. Income from Hager Fund	(Approx.)	200.00
6. Income from Upton Fund	(Approx.)	400.00
Total		<u>\$8,223.59</u>

WESTMINSTER ENROLLMENT — OCTOBER 1, 1945

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Grade One	14	17	31
Grade Two	15	16	31
Grade Three	12	12	24
Grade Four	12	6	18
Grade Five	12	13	25
Grade Six	15	11	26
Grade Seven	9	16	25
Grade Eight	10	12	22
Grade Nine	12	15	27
Fitchburg High School	18	36	54
Gardner High School		2	2
Fitchburg Vocational	2		2
Worcester Boys' Trade	5		5
Worcester Girls' Trade		3	3
Fitchburg Elementary	8	4	12
Parochial School	1	2	3
Total	<u>145</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>310</u>

IN CONCLUSION

As we go forward into 1946 may we be thankful for the blessings that came to our country in 1945, blessings made possible, in part, by the sacrificial efforts of Westminster boys on foreign battlefields. May the School Committee, Superintendent, Teachers and Town's People cooperate in a spirit of sympathetic understanding toward the problems of each, to the ultimate good of all that we would achieve, as we step bravely but humbly into the Atomic Age.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURENCE A. FOGG,
Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

For the Year 1945

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I hereby submit to you my annual report as School Nurse for the Town of Westminster for the year ending December 31, 1945.

I made visitations to the schools two days each school week. During this period the following work was accomplished:

- 893 Inspections were made.
- 207 Dressings were done.
- 267 Children were weighed and measured.
- 227 Tests were made to detect eye defects.
- 197 Tests were made to detect ear defects.
- 119 Visitations were made in the homes.
- 70 Follow-up calls were made by telephone.
- 1 Child attended the Crippled Children's Clinic at the Henry Heywood Hospital, Gardner, Massachusetts.
- 4 Children attended the Speech Clinic at the Henry Heywood Hospital, Gardner, Massachusetts.
- 32 Children were inoculated to protect against diphtheria.
- 12 Pre-school children were vaccinated.
- 12 Children were in the hospital for tonsillectomy.
- 9 Children were fitted to glasses.

DENTAL WORK

The dental work was done by Dr. C. Schmit of Barre, Massachusetts. Dr. Schmit visited the school eight mornings working on the children's teeth. The following work was done:

- 76 Fillings
- 21 Extractions
- 13 Cleanings

Dr. Schmit will return for more dental work during the winter term.

We have had two cases of scarlet fever and several cases of whooping cough and chicken pox in the lower grades during the year.

Yours respectfully,

HELEN T. MCKOWEN, R.N.,
School Nurse.

REPORT OF WORK DONE AT WHITMANVILLE CEMETERY IN 1945

The usual work of mowing the cemetery, caring for the lots, etc., has been attended to, besides filling in a number of graves which had sunken and putting up several headstones which had fallen. The general appearance of the cemetery is very good.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. FRIBERG,
Cemetery Commissioner.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

For the Year 1945

We herewith submit our report for the year ending December 31, 1945:

During the year there were 11 cases covering aid to 16 persons as follows:

Five minors boarded in foster homes.
One dependent at Charlton Home Farm.
Eight single persons were either boarded out
or aided in their own homes.
Two hospital cases.

Of the above cases, seven have a Westminster settlement, two are unsettled and will be reimbursed for by the State, and two are under the Aid to Dependent Children Law.

Respectfully submitted,

VANCE L. BUTTERFIELD,
ALFRED P. JONES,
EVA E. COOMBS,
Board of Public Welfare.

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

For the Year 1945

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Westminster:

The Bureau of Old Age Assistance submits the following report for the year 1945.

At the beginning of the year there were twenty-three persons receiving Old Age Assistance.

During the year seven cases were added and six cases were closed.

Four persons with Westminster settlements were aided out of town. Two of these lost settlement in October.

At the end of the year twenty-four persons were receiving Old Age Assistance with the following settlements: Westminster, twelve; Fitchburg, four; Gardner, two; Winchendon, one; Ashburnham, one, and State, four.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED JONES,
VANCE L. BUTTERFIELD,
CORA FAIRBANKS,
Bureau of Old Age Assistance.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Selectmen:

The following is a report for the year 1945:

Complaints investigated	39
Auto Accidents	11
Summons served	2
Commitments	2
Deaths	1
Missing Persons	2
Abandoned Cars	2
Dances	13
Extra Police Work	46 hours

Respectfully submitted,

PETER V. ARCANGELI,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Selectmen:

Following is a report for the year 1945:

Complaints	6
Dogs Killed	3
Stray Dogs	2
Dogs Quarantined	2
Serving Dog Warrant	20 hours

Respectfully submitted,

PETER V. ARCANGELI,
Dog Officer.

REPORT OF THE CONSTABLE

To the Selectmen:

Warrants were served for one (1) Town Meeting.

Two jurors were drawn during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER V. ARCANGELI,
Constable.

EXTENSION SERVICE APPROPRIATION

Balance January 1, 1945	\$14.90	
Appropriation	50.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$64.90

Expenditures:

Preparing Garden — D. C. Laughton	\$11.50	
Leaders' Training Meeting at Gardner:		
Fares, Lunches, Supplies — Mrs. Mary Abar	6.70	
Harrow and Reseed Gardens	9.00	
Seed — D. C. Laughton	5.90	
Transportation to Spencer:		
Two Cars — D. C. Laughton	6.40	
Totals	<hr/>	\$39.50

Balance January 1, 1946	\$25.40
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Sirs: —

Inasmuch as I was notified that any balance would revert to the County Treasury last year I was surprised that we had a balance, however, that order was suspended until next year so we still have a good amount left and I feel that a \$25.00 appropriation will be sufficient for the ensuing year.

There will be no more gardens but I have several other projects started and a regular club of sixteen members all very enthusiastic and doing well in their various projects.

Respectfully submitted,

DUGAL C. LAUGHTON.

LIST OF JURORS

1946

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Frank S. Smith	Laborer
Elmer E. Luoma	Accountant
James A. Adams	Bank Clerk
Fred Chalmers	Plumber
George W. Hawksworth	Laborer
Paul B. Mansur	Merchant
Kaino Poikonen	Peddler
Charles W. Albro	Time and Motion Analyst
Frederick Slade	Laborer
Raymond Stockwell	Laborer
Neil L. J. Marsh	Track Inspector
Vance L. Butterfield	Toolmaker
Francis E. Coombs	Toolmaker
Guy M. Ralph	Procurement Officer
Oscar Sunne	Troubleman
George Thomas	Wheel-sorter

SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATION RECOMMENDATIONS

1946

APPROVED BY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Expenses</i>
Moderator	\$ 5.00	
Selectmen—\$200 each	600.00	\$100.00
Town Accountant	700.00	300.00
Town Treasurer	150.00	150.00
Tax Collector	800.00	300.00
Assessors — \$225 each	675.00	825.00
Other Finance	—	50.00
Town Clerk	100.00	250.00
Election and Registration	—	250.00
Board of Public Welfare — \$100 each	300.00	—
School Committee — \$75 each	225.00	—
	\$3,555.00	\$2,225.00
		3,555.00

\$5,780.00

Town Hall, General Maintenance	\$1,200.00
Town Hall, Renovations (from Excess & Deficiency Fund)	1,500.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Fire Department	\$2,250.00
Forest Fire Equipment and Patrol	500.00
Police Protection	500.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Moth Department	500.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	60.00
Tree Warden	100.00
Insurance	1,290.23

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health (including Dental Clinic)	\$ 250.00
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HIGHWAYS

General Repairs under Chapter 81	\$6,000.00
Bridges	400.00
Snow and Ice (Highways)	6,000.00
Snow and Ice (Sidwalks)	100.00
Street Lighting	1,750.00
Watering Tubs and Guide Boards	200.00
Sidewalk Repairs	500.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,500.00
Chapter 90 Construction	2,750.00

CHARITIES

Public Welfare	\$2,500.00
Mothers' Aid, A. D. C.	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	7,500.00
Soldiers' Relief	1,500.00
State Aid	120.00

SCHOOLS

Schools (including Amount from State)	\$45,585.89
Vocational School	2,700.00

FORBUSH LIBRARY

Not including Dog Fund	\$1,600.00
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CEMETERIES

Including Income from Trust Funds	\$2,000.00
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PAYMENT ON NOTES

School Note (from Excess and Deficiency Fund)	\$1,500.00
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UNCLASSIFIED

Interest	\$ 375.00
Hager Park Trustees	500.00
Reserve Fund	2,000.00
World War Memorial	50.00
Memorial Day	135.00
Care of Town Clock	20.00
Printing Town Reports	180.00
Miscellaneous	150.00

GORDON J. KELLEY,
ROBERT M. LOWMAN,
JAMES A. ADAMS,
Advisory Committee.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westminster in the County aforesaid, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of WESTMINSTER, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the TOWN HALL, in said Westminster, on Saturday the second day of March, 1946 at six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following ARTICLES:

To choose by ballot all the necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, or term of years.

Polls will be opened at six o'clock A.M. and closed at five o'clock P.M. and you are further directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westminster qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall at one o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1946, and to issue a note or notes therefor, to be paid within one year, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen, or act in relation thereto.

Article 3. To choose all necessary Committees for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see if the Town will choose an agent or agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the Town, or act in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to choose a Director in accordance with the Provision under Chapter 128, General Laws, or pass a vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for the purpose of giving five public band concerts, or act in relation thereto.

Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the suppression of Gypsy Moth and Brown Tail Moth, or act in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from Machinery Rental account to Machinery Repair, Purchase, and Maintenance account, or act in relation thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,521.62 for maintenance, interest on bonds, and construction notes, for the Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital, or act in relation thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of money as may be necessary for the following departments: General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Highways, Public Welfare, Mother's Aid, State Aid, Old Age Assistance, Soldiers' Relief, Schools, Library, Cemeteries, Payment of Debts, Unclassified, Town Hall, and Sidewalks.

Article 12. Chapter 81 Highways — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Vote: That the sum of \$6,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that, in addition, the sum of \$12,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 13. Chapter 90 Highways, Maintenance — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Vote: That the sum of \$1,500.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, and that, in addition, the sum of \$3,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County share of the costs of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

Vote: That the sum of \$2,750.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction and that, in addition, the sum of \$8,250.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County share of the costs of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for the County Extension Service, or act in relation thereto.

Article 16. To hear reports of any Committee appointed on March 3, 1945, or act in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light at the corner of Shady Avenue and Route 2, or act in relation thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to take any action in regard to the town dump, or act in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54.00 to cover an unpaid 1941 bill relative to Old Age Assistance, or act in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,195.77 to cover an overdraft on Snow and Ice, or act in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to install a draw pipe near Eaton Street for fire protection, or act in relation thereto.

Article 22. To see what action the Town will take toward modernizing the present heating system in the Town Hall, or act in relation thereto.

Article 23. To see what action the Town will take relative to a reception of the home-coming veterans, or act in relation thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 723, Acts of 1945, being an Act to authorize the establishment and maintenance of a municipal department or of districts for furnishing information, advice, and assistance to veterans of World War II, or other veterans, or act in relation thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to join a district with one or two other towns, thereby apportioning the expense in connection with aid and assistance to veterans.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for our proportionate share of the expense of maintaining a service center for aiding and assisting returning veterans, or other veterans, or act in relation thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept a road leading from the west side of Nichols Street past the properties of Charles L. Smith, Byron C. Smith, and Mary B. Smith, a distance of approximately 450' by 38' in width, or act in relation thereto.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to aid in the maintenance of the Soup Project in the public schools or act in relation thereto.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to grant one month's extension of time from this date to George Engman to complete the wrecking of the old school house on Main Street, or act in relation thereto.

Article 30. To see what action the Town will take on draining and reconstructing Nichols Street from Main Street to the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, or act in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office and Town Hall in said Town, seven days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-six.

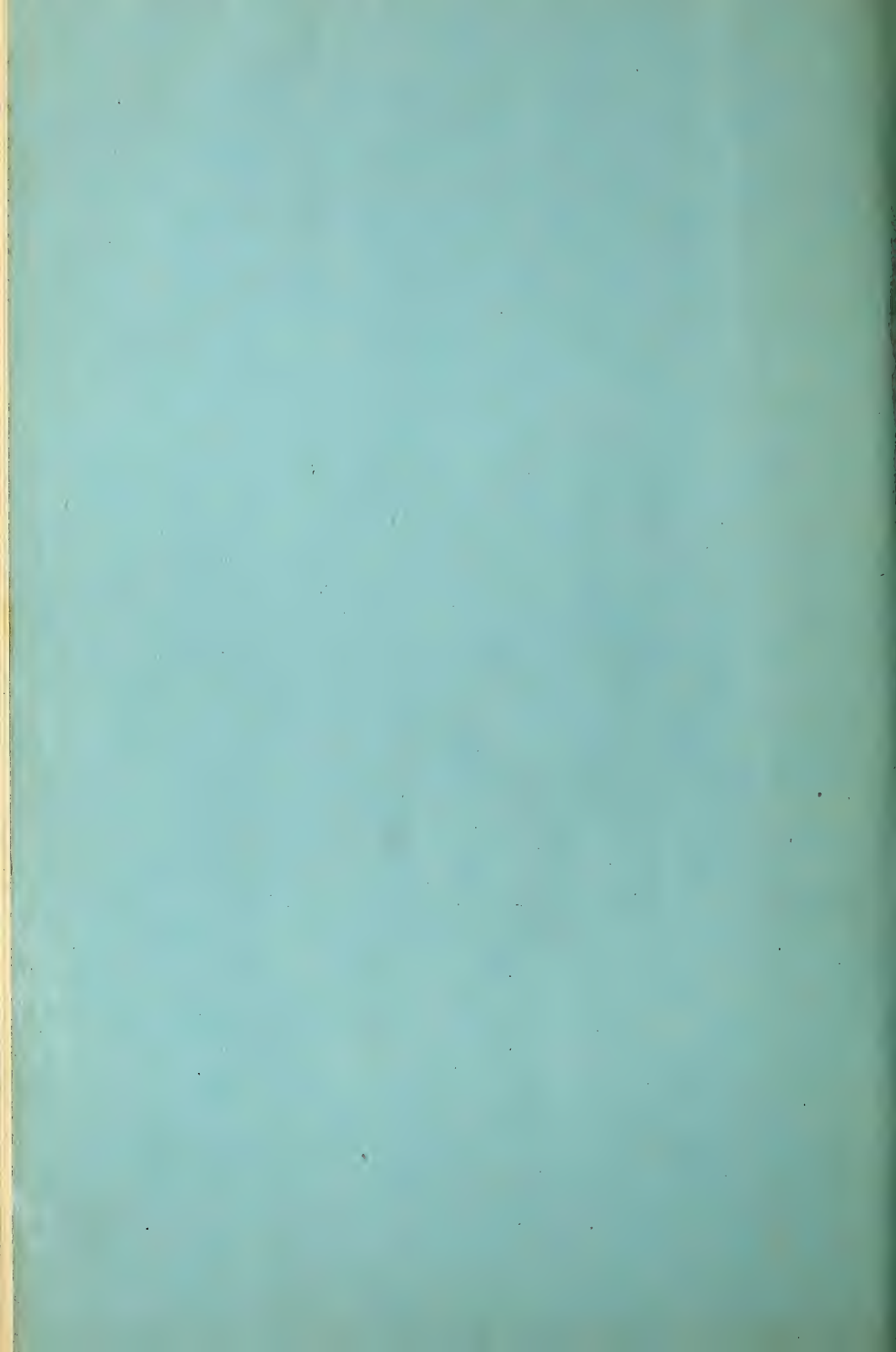
JUDSON R. FOSTER,
PORTER W. DAWLEY,
WILLIAM S. JOHNSON,
Selectmen of Westminster.

A true copy, Attest:

PETER ARCANGELI,
Constable of Westminster.

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1946

There were three Town Meetings held during the year 1946. (In the following report of the Town Meetings is a synopsis from records of the meeting.)

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JANUARY 31, 1946

Article 1. Voted that the Town abolish the Board of Cemetery Commissioners and that the authority to appoint one Cemetery Superintendent to be in charge of all three Cemeteries be left in the hands of the Board of Selectmen. Voted: 21 Yes and 10 No.

Meeting adjourned.

ESTHER H. HICKS

Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION

MARCH 2, 1946

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the voters of the Town of Westminster assembled at Town Hall.

The Warrant was read by the Town Clerk as far as choosing the Town Officers, the remainder of the Articles to be read at the afternoon session.

The polls were opened at six o'clock A.M. and closed at five o'clock P.M.

The Election Officers appointed by the Selectmen and duly sworn by the Town Clerk were as follows:—

Robert M. Denton — *Warden*

Gladys B. Towle — *Ballot Clerk*

Linnea M. Poikonen — *Ballot Clerk*

Edward J. Abar — *Teller*

Alberta M. Denton — *Teller*

When the polls closed the ballot box registered one hundred and forty-four ballots cast.

After the counting was completed the ballot envelopes were sealed and placed in the vault by the Town Clerk.

Meeting adjourned at six o'clock P.M.

The result of the Election was as follows:—

OFFICERS ELECTED

	<i>No. of Votes</i>
MODERATOR — for One Year	
J. Philip Howard — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	125
Blanks	19
TOWN CLERK — for One Year	
Esther H. Hicks — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	134
Blanks	10
TOWN TREASURER — for One Year	
Judson R. Foster — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	137
Blanks	7
SELECTMAN — for Three Years	
Judson R. Foster — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	132
Blanks	12
BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE — for Three Years	
Eva E. Coombs — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	126
Blanks	18
ASSESSOR — for Three Years	
Elmer E. Luoma — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	131
Blanks	13
SCHOOL COMMITTEE — for Three Years	
Guy L. Cossaboom — Citz. Cau.	137
Guy Ralph	1
Blanks	6
LIBRARY TRUSTEES — for Three Years (Two)	
Robert M. Denton — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	123
Lois F. Innis — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	114
Blanks	51
HAGER PARK COMMISSIONER — for Three Years	
Frank A. Adams — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	128
J. P. Howard	1
Blanks	15

TAX COLLECTOR — for One Year	
Florence B. Rice — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	128
Blanks	16
CONSTABLE — for One Year	
Toivo O. Tuominen — Citz. Cau.	131
J. P. Howard	1
Blanks	12
TREE WARDEN — for One Year	
Peter V. Arcangeli — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	128
J. P. Howard	1
Blanks	15
Total Vote	144

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was called to order at one-ten o'clock P.M. by Moderator J. Philip Howard. Prayer was offered by Rev. Charles A. Hodgman, Pastor of the Baptist Church. The Warrant was read by Esther H. Hicks, Town Clerk, after which, action was taken on the Articles as follows:—

Article 1. Voted that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1946, and to issue a note or notes therefor, to be paid within one year, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 2. Voted that the Town accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1946

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Frank S. Smith	Laborer
Elmer E. Luoma	Accountant
James A. Adams	Bank Clerk
Fred Chalmers	Plumber
George W. Hawkesworth	Laborer
Paul B. Mansur	Merchant
Kaino Poikonen	Peddler
Charles W. Albro	Time and Motion Analyst
Frederick Slade	Laborer

Raymond Stockwell	Laborer
Neil L. J. Marsh	Track Inspector
Vance L. Butterfield	Tool-maker
Francis E. Coombs	Tool-maker
Guy M. Ralph	Procurement Officer
Oscar Sunne	Troubleman
George Thomas	Wheel-sorter

Article 3. Voted that the same three committees as last year serve for the ensuing year. Committees as follows:—

MEASURERS OF WOOD, LUMBER AND BARK

Frank S. Smith	Arthur E. Merriam
Edward Hetu	Henry Waltanen

FIELD DRIVERS

Board of Selectmen

FENCE VIEWERS

Raymond Stockwell	Alfred Jones
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Voted that the Water Committee appointed March 3, 1945, continue to serve for another year. Committee consists of J. Philip Howard, Charles W. Albro, Streeter G. Sprague, Dugal C. Lawton, and Otto Leino.

Article 4. Voted that the Selectmen be chosen as Agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the Town.

Article 5. Voted that the Town empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Article 6. To choose a Director in accordance with Provision under Chapter 128 General Laws. Voted unanimously to pass the article.

Article 7. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for five public Band Concerts.

Article 8. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the suppression of Gypsy Moth and Brown Tail Moth.

Article 9. Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$12,583.62 from Machinery Rental account to Machinery Repair, Purchase and Maintenance account, also voted that the sum of \$1,201.47 be transferred from Machinery Rental account to cover overdraft in Machinery Repair, Purchase and Maintenance account.

Article 10. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,521.62 for Maintenance interest on bonds and construction notes, for the Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital.

Article 11. Under this article, motion was made by Charles Hicks, seconded and Voted to have reports of the State Auditors printed in the Town Reports.

Returned to Article 11 to reconsider the appropriation for Board of Health. Motion by Florence B. Rice, seconded and Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 instead of the insufficient amount of \$250.00 previously voted.

Returned to General Government appropriations. Motion by Alfred P. Jones, seconded, and voted that the salary of the Moderator be \$25.00 instead of the \$5.00 previously voted.

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	
Moderator	\$ 25.00	—	\$ 25.00
Selectmen, \$200.00 each	600.00	100.00	700.00
Town Accountant	700.00	300.00	1,000.00
Town Treasurer	150.00	150.00	300.00
Tax Collector	800.00	300.00	1,100.00
Assessors, \$225.00 each	675.00	825.00	1,500.00
Other Finance	—	50.00	50.00
Town Clerk	100.00	250.00	350.00
Election and Registration	—	250.00	250.00
Board of Public Welfare, \$100.00 each	300.00	—	300.00
School Committee, \$75.00 each	225.00	—	225.00
Town Hall, General Maintenance			1,200.00
*Town Hall, Renovations (from Excess and Deficiency Fund)			1,500.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Fire Department	2,250.00
Forest Fire Equipment and Patrol	500.00
Police Protection	500.00
Dog Officer	50.00
(Article 8) Moth. Department	500.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	75.00
Tree Warden	100.00
Insurance	1,290.23

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health (including Dental Clinic)	450.00
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HIGHWAYS

(Article 12) General Repairs under Chapter 81	6,000.00
Bridges	400.00
Snow and Ice (Highways)	6,000.00
Snow and Ice (Sidewalks)	100.00
Street Lighting	1,750.00
Watering Tubs and Guide Boards	200.00
Sidewalk Repairs and Construction	500.00
(Article 13) Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,500.00
(Article 14) Chapter 90—Construction	2,750.00

CHARITIES

Public Welfare	2,500.00
Mothers' Aid, A. D. C.	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	7,500.00
Soldiers' Relief	1,500.00
State Aid	120.00

SCHOOLS

Schools (including Amount from State)	45,585.89
Vocational School	2,700.00

FORBUSH LIBRARY

Not including Dog Fund	1,600.00
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CEMETERIES

Including Income from Trust Funds	2,000.00
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PAYMENT OF NOTES

*School Note (from Excess and Deficiency Fund)	1,500.00
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UNCLASSIFIED

Interest	375.00
Hager Park Trustees	500.00
Reserve Fund	2,000.00
World War Memorial	50.00
Memorial Day	135.00
Care of Town Clock	20.00
Printing Town Reports	193.60
Miscellaneous	150.00

(Article 7) Band Concerts	125.00
(Article 10) Maintenance Interest, Notes Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital	1,521.62
(Article 19) 1941 Bill of Old Age Assistance	54.00
(Article 20) Overdraft on Snow and Ice	1,195.77
(Article 21) Draw Pipe	250.00
(Article 23) Veterans' Home-coming Celebration	1,500.00
(Article 28) Soup Project, Maintenance	300.00
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	\$107,791.11
*From Excess and Deficiency Fund	3,000.00
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Total Appropriation	\$104,791.11

Article 12. Voted that the sum of \$6,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that, in addition, the sum of \$12,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Article 13. Voted that the sum of \$1,500.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highways, Maintenance, and that in addition, the sum of \$3,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State and County share of the costs of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Article 14. Voted that the sum of \$2,750.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction and that, in addition, the sum of \$8,250.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State and County share of the costs of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Article 15. Appropriation for County Extension Service. Voted to pass the article.

Article 16. J. Philip Howard made a report for the Water Committee, stating that materials to be used in the water system had not been obtainable in the current year. Voted that the Water Committee appointed March 3, 1945 continue for another year and that the Committee report about September 1, 1946 with recommendations. Committee as follows:—

J. Philip Howard
Streeter G. Sprague

Charles W. Albro
Dugal C. Laughton

Otto Leino

Article 17. Voted that the Town install a street light at the corner of Shady Avenue and Route 2.

Article 18. Town dump. Voted to pass the article.

Article 19. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$54.00 to cover an unpaid bill of 1941, relative to Old Age Assistance.

Article 20. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,195.77 to cover an overdraft on Snow and Ice.

Article 21. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to install a draw pipe near Eaton Street for fire protection, the location to be left with the Board of Selectmen and Fireman.

Article 22. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to investigate the Town Hall heating system and make a report about September 1, 1946 at a special town meeting.

Article 23. Voted that the Town tender the home-coming Veterans a reception and the Board of Selectmen appoint a Committee to take charge. Unanimous vote. Amendment made and seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for furtherance of Welcome Home Celebration. Unanimous vote.

Article 24. Provisions of Chapter 723, Acts of 1945, an act to authorize the establishment and maintenance of a municipal department or of districts for furnishing information, advice, and assistance to Veterans of World War II, or other Veterans. Voted not to accept the article, 8 in favor of article and 11 against.

Article 25. To see if the Town will join a district with one or two other towns, thereby apportioning the expense in connection with aid and assistance to veterans. Voted to pass the article.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for our proportionate share of the expense of maintaining a service center for aiding and assisting returning veterans, or other veterans. Voted to pass the article.

Article 27. Voted that the Town accept a road leading from the west side of Nichols Street past the properties of Charles L. Smith, Byron C. Smith, and Mary B. Smith, a distance of approximately 450 feet by 38 feet in width.

Article 28. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to aid in the maintenance of the Soup Project in the public schools.

Article 29. Voted that the Town grant three months' extension of time from this date to George Engman to complete the wrecking of the old schoolhouse on Main Street.

Article 30. Voted not to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for draining and reconstructing Nichols Street from Main Street to the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Voted to adjourn at 4:20 o'clock P.M.

ESTHER H. HICKS

Town Clerk

RECORD OF STATE PRIMARY

JUNE 18, 1946

Number of Republican ballots cast	86
Number of Democrat ballots cast	9
Total	<hr/> 95

Results were as follows:—

REPUBLICAN PARTY VOTE

GOVERNOR

Robert F. Bradford — Cambridge	81
Blanks	5

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Albert Cole — Lynn	12
Arthur W. Coolidge — Reading	63
Blanks	11

SECRETARY

Frederick W. Cook — Somerville	80
Blanks	6

TREASURER

Fred J. Burrell — Medford	16
Laurence Curtis — Boston	64
Blanks	6

AUDITOR

Wallace E. Stearns — Boston	16
Russell A. Wood — Cambridge	56
Blanks	14

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Clarence A. Barnes — Mansfield	77
Blanks	9

SENATOR-IN-CONGRESS

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. — Beverly	81
Blanks	5

CONGRESSMAN — THIRD DISTRICT

Carroll H. Balcom — Clinton	27
Charles C. Murdock — Marlborough	39
Blanks	20

COUNCILLOR — SEVENTH DISTRICT

Charles A. Belmore — Worcester	14
Warren G. Harris — Millbury	29
John A. S. Peterson — Worcester	23
Blanks	20

SENATOR — THIRD WORCESTER DISTRICT

George W. Stanton — Fitchburg	9
Edwin H. Nichols — Fitchburg	62
Edwin Nichols	1
Edwin A. Nichols	1
Blanks	13

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

SECOND WORCESTER DISTRICT

J. Philip Howard — Westminster	67
Ray Stockwell	1
Blanks	18

DISTRICT ATTORNEY — MIDDLE DISTRICT

Alfred B. Cenedella — Milford	72
Blanks	14

CLERK OF COURTS — WORCESTER COUNTY

Edwin H. Nichols	1
Walker Brown	1
Blanks	84

REGISTER OF DEEDS — WORCESTER NORTHERN DISTRICT

Bernard T. Moynihan — Fitchburg	52
Blanks	34

COUNTY COMMISSIONER — WORCESTER COUNTY

George W. Jones — Worcester	76
Blanks	10

DEMOCRAT PARTY VOTE

GOVERNOR

Maurice J. Tobin — Boston	8
Francis D. Harrigan — Boston	0
Blanks	1

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

John B. Carr — Somerville	0
Paul A. Dever — Cambridge	1
Daniel J. O'Connell — Boston	2
Roger L. Putnam — Springfield	6
Blanks	0

SECRETARY

John J. Concannon — Boston	0
Benedict F. Fitzgerald — Cambridge	4
Leo Moran — Boston	2
Paul H. Snow — Boston	1
Blanks	2

TREASURER

John E. Hurley — Boston	8
Thomas Khowry — Boston	1
Blanks	0

AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley — Boston	8
Blanks	1

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Harry E. Casey — Boston	1
Michael F. Hourihan — Boston	1
Edward A. Hutchinson, Jr. — Boston	1
Francis E. Kelly — Boston	2
Joseph M. McDonough — Boston	3
Blanks	1

SENATOR-IN-CONGRESS	
David I. Walsh — Fitchburg	6
Blanks	3
CONGRESSMAN — THIRD DISTRICT	
Philip J. Philbin — Clinton	7
P. Eugene Casey — Milford	2
Blanks	0
COUNCILLOR — SEVENTH DISTRICT	
James J. Marshall — Worcester	9
Blanks	0
SENATOR — THIRD WORCESTER DISTRICT	
George W. Stanton — Fitchburg	7
Blanks	2
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	
SECOND WORCESTER DISTRICT	
Ray Stockwell	1
Blanks	8
DISTRICT ATTORNEY — MIDDLE DISTRICT	
Edmund Burke — Worcester	6
Henry E. Manning — Worcester	2
Blanks	1
CLERK OF COURTS — WORCESTER COUNTY	
William C. Bowen — Worcester	8
Blanks	1
REGISTER OF DEEDS — WORCESTER NORTHERN DISTRICT	
Bernard T. Moynihan — Fitchburg	9
Blanks	0
COUNTY COMMISSIONER — WORCESTER COUNTY	
John E. Brosnihan — Worcester	1
Michael J. Carrigan — Worcester	1
Frederick J. Casey — Worcester	1
Louis R. Cormier — Worcester	0
James J. Grady — Worcester	1
Thomas M. Halloran — Worcester	2
John J. O'Brien — Worcester	1
Blanks	2

ESTHER H. HICKS
Town Clerk

RECORD OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

AUGUST 21, 1946

The meeting was called to order at seven thirty o'clock P.M. by Moderator J. Philip Howard. The warrant was read by Town Clerk Esther H. Hicks.

Action was taken on the Articles as follows:—

Article 1. Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$250.00 from available funds (Excess and Deficiency Fund) to purchase a parcel of land from Doris Cummings to utilize for a Town Dump.

Article 2. Voted that the report of the Water Committee consisting of Otto Leino, Dugal Laughton, Charles Albro, Charles Smith and J. Philip Howard and read by Mr. Howard be accepted, and that a public meeting be held Wednesday, September 11th, 7:30 P.M. in Town Hall to discuss the proposed public water system. This meeting to be a public meeting and not a town meeting.

A report on a new heating system for the Town Hall was made by Selectman Porter W. Dawley, stating that materials are not yet available, so no figures on costs can be secured, therefore they were unable to do anything at the present time.

Article 3. Voted to post signs on town streets, and that the Board of Selectmen be empowered to designate which streets shall be at twenty-five miles per hour and which streets shall be at greater speed.

Article 4. Voted that Article VIII of the Town By-Laws be amended by adding a new section as follows:—“No person shall park or have unattended any automobile, truck or other motor vehicle on or by the side of any street, road, highway or sidewalk in Westminster between sunset and sunrise, or at such other times as to interfere with the removal of snow, during the months of December, January, February and March.”

Said By-Law was passed by unanimous vote.

Article 5. Voted that the Town officially recognize the stop sign at the intersection of Route 2 and Route 140. Unanimous vote.

Article 6. Voted that the Town accept the road leading south from Route No. 2 on the west side of the Baptist Church as a public highway, a distance of about four hundred feet.

Article 7. Voted that action for a welcome home celebration

for the World War No. 2 Veterans be postponed until next special town meeting or if no special town meeting to the next Annual Town Meeting in March, 1947. Vote of thirty-four in favor and thirty opposed.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 P.M.

ESTHER H. HICKS
Town Clerk

RECORD OF STATE ELECTION

NOVEMBER 5, 1946

Results were as follows:—

Six hundred and sixty-seven ballots cast.

GOVERNOR		
Republican	Robert F. Bradford	419
Democrat	Maurice J. Tobin	235
Soc. Labor	Horace I. Hillis	4
Prohibition	Guy S. Williams	1
	Blanks	8
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR		
Republican	Arthur W. Coolidge	421
Democrat	Paul A. Dever	216
Prohibition	Alfred Erickson	7
Soc. Labor	Francis A. Votano	3
	Blanks	20
SECRETARY		
Republican	Frederick W. Cook	460
Democrat	Benedict F. Fitzgerald, Jr.	177
Soc. Labor	Malcolm T. Rowe	9
	Blanks	21
TREASURER		
Republican	Lawrence Curtis	420
Democrat	John E. Hurley	208
Soc. Labor	Lawrence Gilfedder	11
Prohibition	Charles E. Vaughan	1
	Blanks	27

AUDITOR

Democrat	Thomas J. Buckley	233
Republican	Russell A. Wood	394
Soc. Labor	Pearl J. McGlynn	10
Prohibition	Robert A. Simmons	0
	Blanks	30

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Republican	Clarence A. Barnes	418
Democrat	Francis E. Kelly	211
Soc. Labor	William F. Oro	7
Prohibition	Howard B. Rand	0
	Blanks	31

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Republican	Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.	438
Democrat	David I. Walsh	208
Soc. Labor	Henning A. Blomen	3
Prohibition	Mark R. Shaw	0
	Blanks	18

CONGRESSMAN — THIRD DISTRICT

Republican	Carroll H. Balcom	336
Democrat	Philip J. Philbin	306
	Blanks	25

COUNCILLOR — SEVENTH DISTRICT

Republican	Warren G. Harris	409
Democrat	James J. Marshall	218
	Blanks	40

SENATOR — THIRD WORCESTER DISTRICT

Republican	Edwin H. Nichols	407
Democrat	George W. Stanton	237
	Blanks	23

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

SECOND WORCESTER DISTRICT

Republican	J. Philip Howard	507
	Nelson Hartwell	4
	Thayer French	2
	Ray Stockwell	2
	Paul Dunn	1
	Blanks	151

DISTRICT ATTORNEY — MIDDLE DISTRICT

Democrat	Edmund Burke	205
Republican	Alfred B. Cenedella	425
	Blanks	37

CLERK OF COURTS — WORCESTER COUNTY

Democrat	William C. Bowen	227
Republican	John W. Fox	398
	Blanks	42

REGISTER OF DEEDS — WORCESTER NORTHERN DISTRICT

Republican and Democrat	Bernard T. Moynihan	526
	Blanks	141

COUNTY COMMISSIONER — WORCESTER COUNTY

Republican	George W. Jones	434
Democrat	John J. O'Brien	195
	Blanks	38

QUESTION No. 1

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION
(OLD AGE PENSION COMMISSION)

Yes	163
No	263
Blanks	241

QUESTION No. 2

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION
(STATEMENT BY LABOR UNIONS)

Yes	322
No	113
Blanks	232

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1.	Yes	252
	No	340
	Blanks	75
2.	Yes	242
	No	325
	Blanks	100
3.	Yes	308
	No	288
	Blanks	71

 PARI-MUTUEL BETTING ON HORSE RACES

Yes	196
No	339
Blanks	132

PARI-MUTUEL BETTING ON DOG RACES

Yes	158
No	351
Blanks	158

JURY SERVICE BY WOMEN

Yes	261
No	220
Blanks	186

PUBLIC POLICY QUESTION
RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Yes	285
No	166
Blanks	216

PUBLIC POLICY QUESTION

To propose or support Amendments to the Charter to strengthen the United Nations and make a World Federal Government able to prevent war.

Yes	426
No	31
Blanks	210

ESTHER H. HICKS
Town Clerk

 RECOUNT FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
AND AUDITOR

DECEMBER 5, 1947

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Republican	Arthur W. Coolidge	419
Democrat	Paul A. Dever	217
Prohibition	Alfred Erickson	5
Soc. Labor	Francis A. Votano	6
	Blanks	20

AUDITOR

Democrat	Thomas J. Buckley	232
Republican	Russell A. Wood	395
Soc. Labor	Pearl J. McGlynn	9
Prohibition	Robert A. Simmons	0
	Blanks	31

ESTHER H. HICKS

Town Clerk

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

For the Year Ending December 31, 1946

Notes: If any errors in names or dates are noticed, or any omissions, please inform the Town Clerk.

Births recorded	41
Deaths recorded	31
Brought in Town for Burial (non-residents)	6
Marriages recorded	43

BIRTHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Names of Parents</i>
Jan. 24	Jennifer Louise Baum	Russell R. and Helen (Smith)
Jan. 25	Preston Dennis Baker	Preston A. and Grace (Jarvis)
Feb. 14	Paula Jane Henstridge	George A. and Phyllis F. (Young)
Feb. 15	Mary Jane Arcangeli	Albert and Marie (Robillard)
Feb. 17	Joseph Walter Stankaitis	Walter J. and Claire (Hall)
Feb. 21	Barbara Anne Klemetti	K. Ilmari and Anna E. (Kahkola)
Mar. 7	Patricia Ann Matheson	Russell and Louise (Ostigny)
Mar. 23	Robert Leonard Salo	Lennard C. and Aino J. (Keskinen)
April 11	Mary Eileen Fagerstrom	Henry E. and Esther (North)
April 18	Suzanne Rosemary Young	Willis and Doris (Colon)
April 26	Barbara Elaine Mattson	William J. and Evelyn I. (Surett)
April 27	Susan Jane Noble	Thomas F. and Marion (Roper)
May 17	Arthur Harry Davis	Harry A. and Violet (Eyles)
May 19	Karen Thelma Maki	Jacob K. and Thelma A. (Hunt)
June 9	Normand Joseph Rameau	Arthur and Cecile (Savalier)
June 18	Edwin Michael Ruuska, Jr.	Edwin M. and Lempi (Kauppi)
July 20	Michael Ren Lowman	Robert M. and Toni Irene (Johnson)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Names of Parents</i>
July 21	Patricia Maureen Hickey	William and Dorothy (Gage)
Aug. 10	Ralph Edward LeClair	Edward and Margaret (Waddell)
Aug. 23	Stephen Arthur Newcombe	Douglas P. and Phyllis (Wood)
Aug. 25	Frank Anthony Alisauskas	Stanley and Marjorie (Adkins)
Sept. 11	Richard Ardy Kamila	Adolf and Lahja Irene (Tuomi)
Sept. 17	Carl Arabic Holm	Carl A. and Eine H. (Sipila)
Sept. 23	Patricia Ann Phelps	Herbert L. and Sylvia
Sept. 25	Mary Ella Aalto	Wilho S. and Lempi H. (Tuomi)
Oct. 5	Sherrill Sue Smith	Paul F. and Mary C. (McAdams)
Oct. 10	Judith Ann Reissman	Richard and Claire (Duquette)
Oct. 13	Diane Louise Turner	William H. and Corinne (Jewell)
Oct. 20	Carolyn Marie L'Ecuyer	Herman and Edna (Mackey)
Oct. 28	Craig Alan Muhonen	E. Edwin and Marjorie E. (Miller)
Nov. 1	Gail Lena Simkewicz	Thomas D. and Doris (Rousseau)
Nov. 3	Virginia Ruth VanHazinga	Andrew and Amy (Wartiainen)
Nov. 13	Karen Velma Innerasky	Herbert and Velma (Flagg)
Nov. 18	Ronald Keith Brown	Kenneth and Nora
Nov. 20	Jeanne Lila Taylor	Philip Levi and Elsie Ma- (Learned)
Nov. 21	James Frederick Baker	Chester J. and Catherine (Sheppard)
Nov. 27	Colin Edward Boulanger	Edward W. and Louise A.
Dec. 2	Shirley Elizabeth Lombard	Vincent A. and Mildred E. (Symons) (Sutela) rion (Whitney) (Joy)
Dec. 10	Aileen Ina Kahkola	Eli Peter and Aili (Hintala)
Dec. 25	Charles Arthur Rogers	Arthur B. and Yvonne A. (Shurtliff)
Dec. 25	Samuel Victor Wilson	Ernest C. and Anna Marie (Esposito)

DEATHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
Jan. 2	William Karkku	74	0	0
Jan. 9	John Andrew Skorko	71	6	28
Jan. 25	Mary A. Cummings	74	7	22
Jan. 31	Leander A. Russell	89	10	21
Feb. 3	Emily Merriam	97	8	29
Feb. 12	Frances E. Palmer	79	3	18
Feb. 28	Dorothy Ann Bradford		6	24
Mar. 5	Arthur Leon Stone	73	9	3
Mar. 21	Frederick M. Barnett	77	10	15
Mar. 30	Frank H. Pond	73	10	29
April 2	James Arcangeli	68	8	25
April 22	Edith E. Knower	84	8	18
May 22	Abbie Bell	78	2	3
May 25	Amboy H. Proctor	82	1	19
June 2	William Davis	74	1	0
June 7	Elizabeth White Newton	87	1	11
June 18	Chester A. Perry	63	4	29
June 30	Elizabeth Ukkola	76	0	25
July 6	Elmer Walker	89	7	25
July 19	Ida Arvio	70	6	24
July 22	Peter Carlson	52	10	17
Aug. 3	Valerie H. Bellucci	35	2	21
Aug. 7	Alice Susan Roundy	83	0	26
Sept. 5	Katherine Anna Ilola	74	10	17
About Sept. 15	Grace S. Strout	82	0	0
About Oct. 6	Albert R. Walker	59	0	0
Oct. 20	Female L'Ecuyer	1 Hour	52 Minutes	
Oct. 30	Angia H. Proctor	89	9	0
Nov. 15	Armas Koski	40	7	18
Nov. 27	Martha Nitsche	63	1	1
Nov. 29	John Carey	81	0	0

BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL
(NON-RESIDENTS)

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>
1946					
Jan. 8	Hattie Alice Sawin	Providence, R. I.	48	10	0
June 14	Adin L. Whitcomb	Peterborough, N. H.	76	2	17

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Yrs. Mos. Days</i>		
1946					
July 20	Augustus Foster Rose	Providence, R. I.	73	0	16
Aug. 25	Jennie Grace Allen	Arlington	80	2	20
Oct. 18	Wendla M. S. Kultti	Gardner	46	6	16
Nov. 21	Robert H. Greene	Ipswich	77	7	23

MARRIAGES

<i>Date and Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
January 26 Gardner	Harry O. Nyberg Helen V. Jaaskelainen	Winchendon Westminster
February 24 Fitchburg	William J. Oltman, Jr., Middle Village, L. I., N. Y. Reta L. Flagg	Westminster
March 2 Fitchburg	Hector Mineault Aune E. Hokkanen	Fitchburg Westminster
March 10 Westminster	George M. Belair Mary F. Towle	Conway Westminster
March 16 Westminster	Atso O. Lehtola Signe S. Ranta	New Ipswich, N. H. Westminster
April 12 Keene, N. H.	Anthony V. Testa Cecile T. Rameau	Fitchburg Westminster
May 1 Westminster	Robert E. Greenwood Lois E. Greenwood	Westminster Westminster
May 25 Westminster	Theodore Soubie Eva V. Luomala	Fitchburg Westminster
May 31 Westminster	Donald E. Towle Hattie E. (Temple) Hamlett	Westminster Athol
May 31 Ayer	George W. Lambert Vilma Laitinen	Ayer Westminster
June 1 Fitchburg	Horace J. Couturier, Jr. Helen E. Redmund	Fitchburg Westminster

<i>Date and Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
June 8 Fitchburg	Charles P. Adams Loretta F. Boyer	Westminster Fitchburg
June 22 Westminster	Harold J. Roper Phyllis C. Farwell	Westminster Fitchburg
June 22 Westminster	Dana L. Bevis Kathleen M. Kelly	Ashland Ashland
June 29 Fitchburg	Urpo Nikki Ruth M. Paakkari	Westminster Fitchburg
June 29 Gardner	Joseph A. LeClair Leontina T. Skorko	East Templeton Westminster
July 3 Winchendon	Eino Kurikka Madelene M. (Guy) Perini	Westminster Gardner
July 4 Fitchburg	Frederick J. Savage, Jr. Martha C. French	Fitchburg Westminster
July 4 Fitchburg	George W. Green Lillian I. Niemi	Fitchburg Westminster
July 6 Westminster	Alfred A. Arterton Jean Merriam	Westfield Westminster
August 3 Gardner	George A. Klockers June E. Rhoades	Gardner Westminster
August 3 Gardner	Leonard W. Marsh Lorraine Perreault	Westminster Gardner
August 7 Fitchburg	Benjamin K. Mortberg Alma A. Savilampi	Quincy Westminster
August 10 Gardner	Robert A. Bois Rachel A. Cormier	Westminster Gardner
September 2 Gardner	Leon E. Cole Elsie M. Lehoux	Westminster Gardner
September 6 Leominster	Clarence E. Cummings Carrie M. (Chesbrough) Richmond	Westminster Leominster

<i>Date and Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
September 7 Gardner	Joseph R. Lajoie Martha Kempf	Templeton Westminster
September 7 Fitchburg	Calvin G. Knight Virginia L. Fontaine	Westminster Westminster
September 14 Fitchburg	Allen L. Leavenworth Leonore M. Lawrence	Westminster Fitchburg
September 14 Troy, N. H.	Carl Jalma Lehto Leona Louise Leighton	Troy, N. H. Westminster
October 5 Westminster	Norman E. Venette June P. Barger	Orange Erving
October 12 Princeton	Franklin B. Gage Charlotte K. Beardsley	Westminster Princeton
October 17 Gardner	John Walinen Ida M. Arcangeli	Templeton Westminster
October 21 Westminster	Paul E. Goss Pauline B. Wenners	Gardner Gardner
November 2 Fitchburg	Toivo A. Wilen Aili M. Carlson	Westminster Westminster
November 2 Peterborough, N. H.	Eero O. Luomala Helen R. Lashua	Westminster Keene, N. H.
November 9 Fitchburg	Leon Paul Barthel Dorothy P. Andreasson	Westminster Ashburnham
November 16 Westminster	Leonard C. Lindroth Sylvie Mildred Muhonen	Gardner Westminster
November 16 Gardner	Robert C. Bennett Juliette M. Richard	Westminster Gardner
November 27 Keene, N. H.	Edward J. LaCroix Ivy M. (Russell) Compton	Westminster Orange
November 28 Fitchburg	Bernard C. Araujo Irene Y. Rameau	Fitchburg Westminster
December 7 Westminster	William E. Day Mary G. Stevenson	Ashburnham Westminster
December 21 Fitchburg	William Herman Sakkinen Helen Anna Nikkila	Westminster Fitchburg

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1946

Licenses have been issued to the following persons:

Aalto, Eino	\$2.00	Caldon, Benton	\$2.00
Aalto, Lempi	5.00	Campbell, Mary Lou	2.00
Abar, E. J.	2.00	Cannon, Edward A. (2)	4.00
Adams, Agnes	2.00	Cannon, Mrs. Edward A.	2.00
Adams, James A.	2.00	Carey, John	2.00
Aho, Lauri	2.00	Carlson, Peter	2.00
Aho, Matti	2.00	Caron, Raymond	2.00
Andreasson, Selfred (3)	6.00	Carpenter, Earle	2.00
Anttila, Reino J.	5.00	Carpenter, Roger	2.00
Aubuchon, W. E.	2.00	Caswell, Howard E.	2.00
Baker, Chester	2.00	Chalmers, Thomas	2.00
Baker, Preston	2.00	Charbonneau, Raymond	5.00
Ball, Arnold	2.00	Chatigny, Jr., Walter	5.00
Ballou, Georgia	5.00	Clark, Wilton	2.00
Bancroft, Arthur	2.00	Codding, Arthur E.	2.00
Barrett, Edward	2.00	Codding, Jr., Arthur E.	2.00
Baum, Russell P.	2.00	Conant, Richard	2.00
Beauregard, Irene	2.00	Cordio, Anthony H.	2.00
Beers, Raymond P.	2.00	Cossaboom, Janet L.	2.00
Bellucci, Cosmos	5.00	Cummings, Burt P.	2.00
Bernhardt, Carl	5.00	Dahm, Maynard L.	2.00
Bilson, K. J.	2.00	Daily, Earl	2.00
Blais, Julia J.	2.00	Dauphinais, Delia	2.00
Bonnalli, Everett	2.00	Davis, Harry	2.00
Boucher, Joseph	2.00	Denton, Robert M.	2.00
Boucher, Theresa	2.00	Dube, Jeffrey	2.00
Boudreau, Jos. A.	2.00	Dunn, Helen	2.00
Bradford, W. S.	2.00	Earle, Minnie E.	5.00
Breau, Alfred	2.00	Elola, John	2.00
Brooks, Henry A.	2.00	Engman, George A.	2.00
Brunell, Alfred I.	2.00	Erickson, Fred	5.00
Buckley, Helene (2)	4.00	Eskeli, Eugene O.	2.00
Butterfield, Vance L.	5.00	Fagerstrom, Henry	2.00
Cafer, Paul	2.00	Fenno, Avis	2.00
Cairns, H. E.	2.00	Fenno, Margaret	2.00

Flinkstrom, Hugo	(2)	\$4.00	Hooper, Bernice E.	\$2.00
Fontaine, Arthur J.		2.00	Howard, Stanley	5.00
Fontaine, Benjamin		2.00	Hurme, Arnold E.	2.00
Forsell, Waino	(2)	4.00	Hutchinson, Bertha	2.00
French, Alan		2.00	Huusari, Andrew	2.00
French, Marshall		2.00	Innerasky, Herbert	2.00
Friberg, Edith		2.00	Innis, Lois	2.00
Gale, Charles		2.00	Jaaskelainen, Eino	2.00
Gallant, Del		2.00	Jaaskelainen, Herman	2.00
Grant, Esther		5.00	Janhunnen, Otto	2.00
Graves, J. C.		2.00	Jarvenpaa, Eino	(2) 4.00
Greenough, Clyde L.	(2)	7.00	Jenkins, Wm.	2.00
Greenwood, Lois		2.00	Johnson, Harold	2.00
Greenwood, Robert E.		5.00	Jones, Alfred P.	2.00
Hakamaa, John		5.00	Kahkola, Eli P.	2.00
Hakkila, Heino		2.00	Kamila, Adolf	2.00
Hancock, Melvin	(2)	4.00	Kantola, Linda	2.00
Handlin, Beverly		2.00	Karkkainen, Antti	2.00
Hanks, Elmina		2.00	Kelley, Gordon	2.00
Happanen, Alisa		2.00	Kelty, Lester J.	2.00
Harju, Helena		2.00	Keskinen, Henry	5.00
Harrington,			Kinnari, Ida	2.00
Mrs. Chester A.		2.00	Klemetti, K. Ilmari	2.00
Harrington, Francis		2.00	Knight, Geo.	2.00
Hayden, Katharina		2.00	Kurikka, Eino	(2) 4.00
Hebert, Andrew P.		2.00	LaCroix, Edward J.	(2) 4.00
Hedin, Mary		2.00	LaFleur, Albert	2.00
Heikkila, Eino A.		2.00	Lahikainen, Otto	2.00
Heino, John	(2)	4.00	Lahtinen, Charles	2.00
Heins, Jr., Wm. R.		2.00	Lahtinen, Uno	2.00
Helman, August		2.00	Lahtinen, Vesta	2.00
Henstridge, Geo.		2.00	Laine, John	2.00
Hermes, Nishan M.		2.00	Laitinen, Arma	2.00
Herold, Minnie H.		2.00	Laitinen, Matti	2.00
Herold, Roger W.		2.00	Landry, Louis	5.00
Hills, Jr., Phillips A.		2.00	Lanoue, Wilfred	2.00
Hines, Everett		2.00	Lanson, Beverly	2.00
Hintala, Aino		2.00	Larson, Mikko	2.00
Hintala, Loretta		5.00	LaSalle, Leon	2.00
Hokkanen, Paul		2.00	Laughton, Dugal	2.00
Holm, Carl A.		2.00	Laughton, Helen	2.00
Holm, Carl F.		2.00	Laughton, Herbert	2.00
Holmes, Allan E.		2.00	Laikkanen, Linda	2.00
Honkala, Oiva		2.00	Lawrence, Eric	2.00

Leavenworth, Edwin (2)	\$7.00	Nelson, Jesse	\$5.00
Leavenworth, Gordon A.	2.00	Newton, Edmund	2.00
Leavenworth, Gordon F.	2.00	Nichols, Phyllis	2.00
LeClair, Margaret	2.00	Niemi, Kasper	2.00
LeClair, Ronald G.	2.00	Niemi, Vaito	2.00
Leger, Real J. (2)	7.00	Nikunen, Jack	2.00
Lehto, Ilmi	2.00	Nitsche, George E.	5.00
Lehtola, Arnold (2)	7.00	Noble, Thomas F.	2.00
Lehtonen, Oscar	2.00	Noel, Exzelia (2)	4.00
Leighton, Elmer	5.00	Nygard, Gail	5.00
LeMieur, Benjamin	5.00	Oja, Frank	2.00
Liimatainen, Walter	2.00	Ojala, Jacob E.	2.00
Lindquist, Carl N.	2.00	O'Neill, John M.	2.00
Lindstrom, Eskil A. (2)	4.00	Owen, Ralph	2.00
Loescher, Max R. (2)	4.00	Owler, Robert	5.00
Loughlin, Anna	2.00	Page, Audrey, Frances	
Lucander, Aarne (2)	4.00	and Helen	2.00
Luke, Gladys	2.00	Pera, George	2.00
Luomala, John	2.00	Percy, Laura D.	2.00
MacAloney, Cora	2.00	Perry, Arthur	2.00
Mackey, Otto	2.00	Phillips, Norman	2.00
Makela, Karl H.	2.00	Pietila, Onni	2.00
Mannila, Onni	2.00	Pipping, Mrs. Paul O.	2.00
Mansur, Edith (3)	6.00	Poikonen, Alan	2.00
Mantyla, Hilda	2.00	Prouty, Allen	2.00
Marien, Philip	2.00	Rameau, Arthur	2.00
Mattila, Martha	2.00	Rameau, Wm.	2.00
Mattson, Wm. (2)	4.00	Rankin, Orrin A.	5.00
May, Wilson	2.00	Rautaruusu, Jonko	2.00
McAdams, Jr.,		Reed, Leslie L.	2.00
Leon H. (2)	4.00	Rense, Arthur	2.00
Mela, Miriam	2.00	Reynolds, Charles H.	2.00
Merriam, Arthur J.	2.00	Rhoades, Ardeen	2.00
Merriam, Helen	2.00	Rice, Nancy	2.00
Meuer, Annetta	2.00	Robins, Arthur	2.00
Minkinen, Otto	2.00	Rogers, Arthur B.	2.00
Morse, Patricia	2.00	Roiha, Maria	2.00
Morse, Patsy	2.00	Roper, Clarence G. (2)	4.00
Muhonen, Harold	2.00	Russ, Lucie	2.00
Muhonen, Mildred	2.00	Russell, Shirley	2.00
Murdock, Warren J.	2.00	Ruuska, Edwin	5.00
Nappila, Violet	2.00	Ryan, Helen R. (2)	7.00
Nash, Geo. O. (5)	10.00	Salo, Andrew (2)	4.00
Nelson, Edith	5.00	Salo, Eino	2.00

Sargent, Ann	\$2.00	Tuominen, Toivo	(2) \$7.00
Savoie, Maxine	5.00	Turner, Corinne	2.00
Savola, Aarne	2.00	Vieweg, Bertha	2.00
Schreiber, Herbert	2.00	Vieweg, Freddie	2.00
Sellman, Toivo	2.00	Wainonen, Toivo	2.00
Semenuk, Walter	2.00	Walkonen, Oiva	2.00
Shay, William A.	2.00	Waltanen, Henry	2.00
Shepard, Beatrice L.	2.00	Walton, Dorothy	2.00
Silvonen, Hjalmar	2.00	Waronen, Allan	2.00
Smith, Ernest E.	2.00	Wartiainen, Peter	2.00
Smith, Francis	5.00	Wasara, Reino	2.00
Smith, Harriett	2.00	Watkins, Charline	
Smith, Howard I.	2.00	(1945)	(2) 4.00
Smith, Joseph J.	2.00	Watkins, Charline	(2) 4.00
Smith, Paul F.	2.00	Westerfors, Eric	2.00
Soini, Waino	(2) 4.00	Whitcomb, Waldo	2.00
Sprague, Streeter G.	2.00	Wiggins, Frank A.	2.00
Stockwell, Wm. B.	2.00	Wiinikainen, Waino	2.00
Streeter, Carrie	2.00	Wilen, Anselm	2.00
Strom, Harold	2.00	Williams, John	2.00
Sunne, Walter H.	2.00	Winchenbach, Aalton J.	2.00
Suomela, Michael	2.00	Winter, Eino	2.00
Sutela, Eino E.	2.00	Wintturi, Ellen	2.00
Tappin, Clarence W.	2.00	Wintturi, Wm.	2.00
Thomas, June	2.00	Wiswell, George F.	2.00
Towle, Robert	2.00	Woodward, Paul N.	2.00
Trudel, Antonio	2.00	Wuth, Ethel	2.00
Trudel, Georgianna	2.00	Young, Lois M.	2.00
Tuomi, Axel	2.00		

Kennel licenses issued to the following:—

Grenier, Albert J.	10.00
Nash, George O.	25.00
Rankin, Orrin A.	10.00
Salo, Lennard C.	10.00

Total	\$823.00
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Clerk's Fees	67.40
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Amount Paid to Town Treasurer to December 31, 1946	\$755.60
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Transfer issued to Mrs. Jeannette Kowalewski.

Free licenses issued to Persons serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, as follows: —

Boucher, Robert
Gonyer, Ernest W.
Hakkila, Raymond

Jamsa, William
Johnson, Raymond
Pesola, Neilo

Wilson, Ernest

ESTHER H. HICKS
Town Clerk

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31st, 1946

Cash on hand January 1st, 1946	\$ 41,354.71
Received from Tax Collector, 1945 Taxes	7,613.06
Received from Tax Collector, 1946 Taxes	67,886.78
Received from Tax Collector, 1945 Motor Excise	30.00
Received from Tax Collector, 1946 Motor Excise	2,602.61
Commonwealth of Massachusetts in Lieu of Taxes	11.55
City of Fitchburg Direct Tax	999.05
Interest on Overdue Taxes and Tax Titles	212.02
Demands	77.70
Income on Wyman Water Fund	220.00
Income on Library Funds	209.47

TRANSFERS FROM TRUST FUNDS

Frederick W. Smith Worthy Poor Fund	408.00
Joseph Hager School Fund	205.00
Upton School Fund	400.00
Cemetery <i>Perpetual Care</i> Funds	286.50
Taxes Withheld on Salaries and Wages	2,756.20
All Other Receipts as shown on the Report of the Town Accountant	73,845.21

Total 1946 Receipts	\$199,117.86
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Expended on Warrants approved by the Selectmen	\$167,403.19
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Cash on hand December 31st, 1946	31,714.67
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	\$199,187.86
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NOTES PAYABLE

Schoolhouse Notes	\$ 12,000.00
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TRUST FUNDS

Joseph Hager School Fund	
Gardner Trust Company	\$ 5,955.74
Gardner Savings Bank	4,000.00
Leominster Savings Bank	2,000.00
Worcester North Savings Institution	2,500.00
Total	\$ 14,455.74
Principal, \$14,452.86	

PRESTON P. ELLIS SCHOOL FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 331.50	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	500.00	
Total		\$ 831.50
Principal, \$820.75		

FREDERICK W. SMITH POOR FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 5,116.40	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Gardner Savings Bank	5,821.60	
Athol Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Leominster Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	6,851.00	
Worcester County Institution for Savings	3,000.00	
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Total		\$ 35,789.00
Principal, \$35,595.93		

MILTON A. CREED CEMETERY WALL FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 1,297.69	
Total		\$ 1,297.69
Principal, \$1,284.82		

CHARLES R. DUTTON SCHOOL FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 918.53	
Total		\$ 918.53
Principal, \$909.43		

DANIEL SANDERS CEMETERY FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 2,232.35	
Total		\$ 2,232.35
Principal, \$2,208.96		

JOSEPH R. BARRELL CEMETERY FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 2,015.89	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	377.10	
Total		\$ 2,392.99
Principal, \$2,351.63		

ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 51.40	
Total		\$ 51.40
Principal, \$46.31		

WYMAN WATER FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 4,500.00	
Gardner Savings Bank	3,500.00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	7,000.00	
Total		\$ 15,000.00
Principal, \$15,000.00		

JOSEPH W. FORBUSH POOR FUND

Worcester North Savings Institution	\$3,833.85	
Total		\$ 3,833.85
Principal, \$3,776.99		

UPTON SCHOOL FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 612.63	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	694.83	
Orange Savings Bank	541.20	
Peoples Savings Bank, Worcester	1,000.00	
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	1,000.00	
Gardner Trust Company	2,805.79	
Worcester County Institution for Savings	1,100.00	
25 Shares Pullman Inc. (Market)	1,318.75	
28 Shares American Tel. and Tel. Co. (Market)	4,287.50	
Total		\$ 13,360.70
Principal, \$13,302.34		

POST-WAR REHABILITATION FUND

United States Defense Bonds and Cash	\$ 15,706.06	
Total		\$ 15,706.06
Principal, \$15,000.00		

FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUNDS

Sarah M. Barnes Fund		
Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 200.00	
Adelaide Warner Berry Fund		
Gardner Savings Bank	100.00	
Lucy J. Childs Fund		
Fitchburg Savings Bank	150.00	
Preston P. Ellis Fund		
Fitchburg Savings Bank	500.00	
Mary A. Farnsworth Fund		
Leominster Savings Bank	525.00	

Charles A. Forbush Fund		
Leominster Savings Bank	500.00	
Joseph W. Forbush Fund		
Athol Savings Bank	1,000.00	
Henrietta M. Gates Fund		
Gardner Trust Company	3,494.32	
Arabella R. Hager Fund		
Gardner Savings Bank	600.00	
Manson D. Hawes Fund		
Winchendon Savings Bank	1,000.00	
George A. Miller Fund		
Worcester North Savings Institution	1,901.16	
Daniel W. Sanders Fund		
Fitchburg Savings Bank	2,000.00	
Town of Westminster Fund		
Fitchburg Savings Bank	1,800.00	
Fred S. Whitman Fund		
Gardner Savings Bank	300.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 14,070.48
Principal, \$14,065.59		

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

For the Year 1946

We herewith submit our report for the year ending December 31, 1946:

During the year there were 10 cases covering aid to 22 persons as follows:

One minor boarded in foster home.

One dependent at Charlton Home Farm.

Twenty single persons were either boarded out or aided in their own homes.

Of the above cases, five have a Westminster settlement, two are unsettled and will be reimbursed by the State, one case reimbursed by the town of Holden, and two are under the Aid to Dependent Children Law.

Respectfully submitted,

VANCE L. BUTTERFIELD

ALFRED P. JONES

EVA E. COOMBS

Board of Public Welfare

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS

December 31st, 1946

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1946</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended by the Superintendent</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1946</i>
Allen, Frederick	\$150.84	\$3.02	\$1.50	\$152.36
Allen, Lyman	152.57	3.06	1.50	154.13
Bacon, Edward	122.92	1.22	1.00	123.14
Baker, Albert A.	100.18	1.00	.75	100.43
Baker, Calvin	62.63	.94	.50	63.07
Baker, Charles F.	50.73	.76	.50	50.99
Baker, Eber and Eunice	111.30	2.23	1.00	112.53
Baker, Eliza	137.08	2.07	1.00	138.15
Baker, Ellen L.	107.37	2.15	1.00	108.52
Baker, George C.	75.33	.74	.50	75.57
Ballou and Goodfellow	101.78	1.53	1.00	102.31
Barnes, Sarah M.	104.32	1.04	1.00	104.36
Barrell, Joseph	167.89	2.52	1.50	168.91
Barron, William B.	114.43	1.72	1.00	115.15
Barrows and Griffin	106.99	1.60	1.00	107.59
Bartow Hattie W.	51.19	.51	.50	51.20
Battles, Alfred	101.79	1.01	1.00	101.80
Battles Benjamin F.	108.92	1.63	1.00	109.55
Battles, George A.	108.06	1.62	1.00	108.68
Beaman, Ruth Peckham	52.34	.78	.50	52.62
Bean, John	50.30	.76	.50	50.56
Bean, Laura J.	113.10	1.69	1.00	113.79

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1946</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended by the Superintendent</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1946</i>
Benjamin, William H.	125.43	1.25	1.00	125.68
Berry, Adelaide Warner	100.38	1.00	1.00	100.38
Berry, Bernice Flint	208.17	2.08	1.50	208.75
Bigelow, Benson	109.67	2.19	1.00	110.86
Bigelow, Francis B.	100.00	1.83	—	101.83
Black William J. and Harry W.	104.00	2.09	1.00	105.09
Bolton, Alonzo D.	115.12	2.31	1.00	116.43
Bolton, A. Jackson	101.64	1.01	1.00	101.65
Bolton, Franklin E.	107.09	1.06	1.00	107.15
Bolton, Simeon and Elizabeth Whitney	106.64	1.60	1.00	107.24
Borey, Melissa J.	52.87	.52	.50	52.89
Brooks, Edwin F., Stillman, and Alfred L.	223.95	2.23	2.00	224.18
Brown, John	122.80	2.46	1.00	124.26
Brown, Timothy	112.16	1.12	1.00	112.28
Bruce, George W. and James R.	118.68	1.78	1.00	119.46
Burnham, Edwin L.	102.84	1.02	1.00	102.86
Burpee, Viola N.	78.86	1.57	—	80.43
Carpenter, Joseph	78.49	1.57	.50	79.56
Carr, George W.	117.56	1.77	1.00	118.33
Carter, Merriam and Hannaford	165.87	2.49	1.50	166.86
Carter, William H.	102.87	1.02	1.00	102.89
Chase, Lillie J.	50.92	1.01	.50	51.43
Childs, Lucy J.	219.23	3.29	2.00	220.52

Clark, Hattie M. and Flora	108.56	1.63	1.00	109.19
Coleman and Derby	174.90	3.50	1.50	176.90
Cook, Levi	101.48	1.00	1.00	101.48
Cowee, Sarah M.	143.85	2.88	1.00	145.73
Crouch, Louise M. (New)	100.00	—	—	100.00
Curtis, Alonzo and Frank A.	208.53	3.14	2.00	209.67
Cutler, Jonas	108.18	2.17	1.00	109.35
Daisy Henry H.	111.27	2.23	1.00	112.50
Davis, George M.	102.43	1.54	1.00	102.97
Davis, Horace E.	102.48	1.54	1.00	103.02
Dawley, Charles B.	102.77	2.05	1.00	103.82
Derby, Walter	101.87	1.01	.50	102.38
Drury, Sarah E.	153.20	3.07	1.50	154.77
Dupee, Charles H. and Mary A.	238.94	4.79	1.50	242.23
Durling, Alfred R.	111.86	1.11	1.00	111.97
Eager, Augustus	102.13	1.02	1.00	102.15
Eager, Horatio	100.44	1.00	1.00	100.44
Eaton, Frank	104.23	2.09	1.00	105.32
Eaton, Lura B.	112.90	1.68	1.00	113.58
Eaton, Mary W.	51.93	.51	.50	51.94
Eaton, Marshall	151.87	3.02	1.00	153.89
Eaton, Nathan Jr.	101.01	2.03	1.00	102.04
Eaton, Stillman	151.56	3.04	1.50	153.10
Eaton, William	165.35	3.32	1.50	167.17
Elliott, Flora E.	50.79	.50	.50	50.79
Ellis, Preston P.	187.22	2.81	1.50	188.53
Emerton, Napoleon B.	100.47	1.00	1.00	100.47
Estabrook, Edward C.	56.87	.84	.50	57.21

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1946</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended by the Superintendent</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1946</i>
Estabrook, Joseph W.	51.73	1.03	.50	52.26
Estey, Oliver	126.46	1.26	1.00	126.72
Farnsworth, Mary A.	57.51	1.15	.50	58.16
Fenno, Edgar E.	203.64	3.06	1.50	205.20
Fenno, Frank W.	158.34	3.17	1.50	160.01
Fenno, Franklin B.	101.60	2.03	1.00	102.63
Fenno, Thaddeus B.	105.76	2.11	1.00	106.87
Flagg, Otis	104.57	2.09	1.00	105.66
Forbush, Charles A.	138.86	2.78	1.50	140.14
Forbush, Joseph W.	257.64	5.17	2.00	260.81
Foskett, Sarah A.	55.01	1.38	—	56.39
Foster, Judson	203.96	4.08	2.00	206.04
Frye, Royal L.	100.13	1.50	—	101.63
Gates, Helen	65.75	.99	.50	66.24
Gates, Leonard	102.35	2.05	1.00	103.40
Gaut, Thomas	52.41	.52	—	52.93
Giles, Charles F.	200.00	3.01	1.00	202.01
Goodridge, John C.	159.77	1.59	1.00	160.36
Goodridge and Rice	101.16	1.00	1.00	101.16
Goss and Sanborn	101.02	2.03	1.00	102.05
Greene, Robert H.	102.34	2.05	1.00	103.39
Griffin, Carlos G.	208.91	2.08	1.00	209.99
Hadley, Laura E.	103.53	1.55	1.00	104.08

Hager, Elijah	94.71	1.89	—	96.60
Hager, George W.	86.33	1.73	—	88.06
Hager, Joseph	443.49	4.43	3.00	444.92
Ham, George S. and Andrew C.	239.93	3.60	2.00	241.53
Hansen, Hans and Marie A. K.	105.72	2.11	1.00	106.83
Harrington and Wheeler	53.08	1.06	—	54.14
Harris and Barnes	103.22	1.02	1.00	103.24
Hartwell, Leander	52.28	1.04	—	53.32
Hay, Arthur	239.13	3.59	2.00	240.72
Haynes, George N.	107.76	1.07	1.00	107.83
Healy and Dalrymple	50.76	.51	—	51.27
Herold, Oswald and Minnie	100.00	1.50	1.00	100.50
Hicks, Carrie E.	51.79	1.03	—	52.82
Hill, David W.	237.96	2.37	2.00	238.33
Holden, Asa	100.17	2.01	1.00	101.18
Holden and Eames	172.74	3.46	1.50	174.70
Holden, Jonas	51.68	1.03	.50	52.21
Holmes, Rufus	105.35	2.11	1.00	106.46
Hood, Mary E.	140.19	2.81	1.50	141.50
Howard, Joseph	166.48	3.34	1.50	168.32
Howard, Nellie	51.73	1.03	.50	52.26
Howard, Nathan	181.42	1.81	1.50	181.73
Howe, Daniel and Daniel M.	213.85	3.21	2.00	215.06
Hurd, Daniel E.	81.88	1.63	1.00	82.51
Ingram, E. D.	103.51	1.55	1.00	104.06
Jackson, Levi and Jane	138.29	1.38	1.00	138.67
Jillson, Lester D.	101.54	2.03	1.00	102.57
Johnson, John	105.02	1.58	1.00	105.60

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1946</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended by the Superintendent</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1946</i>
Karkkainen, Andrew A.	100.50	1.51	1.00	101.01
Kelty, Bartholomew	100.80	1.00	1.00	100.80
Kendall, Edward F. and Ezekiel	472.77	4.73	3.25	474.25
Kendall, Edward S. and Mary E.	106.49	1.06	1.00	106.55
Kendall, George S.	106.40	1.60	1.00	107.00
Knower, Horace and Charles F. (New)	150.00	—	—	150.00
Lamb, Stephen F.	117.68	1.17	1.00	117.85
Lantz and Taylor	109.65	1.65	1.00	110.30
Learned and Goodnow	102.61	1.02	1.00	102.63
Leino, Otto A.	100.13	1.50	.50	101.13
Leland, Hollis J.	50.66	.50	—	51.16
Lewis, Nelson	104.32	1.04	1.00	104.36
Loughlin, Philip H.	106.53	1.06	—	107.59
Lucas, Henry	102.15	1.54	1.00	102.69
Lynde, Edward B. and Florence A.	203.89	4.08	1.50	206.47
Lynde, John, Lucy K. and Chester E.	267.22	4.02	2.00	269.24
MacDonald, Cora	101.54	1.01	1.00	101.55
Mansur, Richard	214.91	2.14	1.50	215.55
Marshall, Julia L.	105.41	1.04	1.00	105.45
Mayo, William	204.82	3.08	—	207.90
McAllester, Rev. W. C.	100.81	1.51	1.00	101.32
Merriam, Artemas	168.43	3.38	1.00	170.81
Merriam, Francis	107.15	1.06	1.00	107.21

Merriam, Frank A.	102.99	2.06	1.00	104.05
Merriam, Oliver M.	114.44	2.29	1.00	115.73
Merriam, Reed	105.01	1.04	1.00	105.05
Merriam, Thomas	115.63	1.15	1.00	115.78
Miles, Daniel C.	102.30	1.54	1.00	102.84
Miles and Puffer	58.70	1.46	—	60.16
Miller, Frank E. and Ida A.	102.16	2.05	1.00	103.21
Miller, George H. and Cyrus T.	209.46	2.09	1.50	210.05
Miller, James W.	125.33	1.24	1.00	125.57
Miller John C.	118.77	1.18	1.00	118.95
Miller, Jonas	305.26	3.05	2.00	306.31
Miller, Joseph and Emily	203.78	2.03	1.50	204.31
Miller, Sylvester	204.87	3.08	1.50	206.45
Minott, Fannie E.	119.00	1.78	1.00	119.78
Minott, John and Mary Hardy	104.67	2.09	1.00	105.76
Minott, Joseph	120.25	2.41	1.00	121.66
Mirick, George A.	533.43	5.34	3.00	535.77
Morse, Farwell	105.48	2.11	1.00	106.59
Morse, Merrill E.	101.49	2.03	—	103.52
Neal, Windsor F.	101.95	1.01	1.00	101.96
Nichols, Carl E.	105.60	1.59	1.00	106.19
Nichols, Charles	216.69	2.16	1.50	217.35
Nichols, Frederick	102.57	1.02	1.00	102.59
Nichols Lyman and H. White	106.04	2.13	1.00	107.17
Nygard Emma	99.94	1.49	.50	100.93
Ober, Bert	210.06	4.22	1.50	212.78
Page, Porter	283.12	5.68	2.00	286.80
Parker, Roy E. (New)	200.00	—	—	200.00

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1946</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended by the Superintendent</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1946</i>
Partridge, Seaver, and Hartwell	152.45	3.05	1.00	154.50
Peckham, Horatio	55.46	.54	—	56.00
Perkins, Harrison	60.70	.91	.50	61.11
Pickering, Georgette Newell (New, \$50.00)	155.76	1.05	1.00	155.81
Pierce, Elisha	344.80	6.92	2.00	349.72
Puffer, Rev. Stephen	68.45	1.37	—	69.82
Puffer, Samuel and Josiah	106.32	1.06	1.00	106.38
Ray, Hiram L.	129.35	2.59	1.00	130.94
Ray, Iver	132.05	2.65	1.00	133.70
Raymond, Abijah H.	107.16	1.06	1.00	107.22
Raymond, Hobart	259.85	3.90	2.00	261.75
Rice, William S.	102.28	1.02	1.00	102.30
Rider, William D.	101.87	1.01	1.00	101.88
Rose, George M.	127.14	2.55	1.00	128.69
Sakkinen, Charles	159.94	3.20	1.00	162.14
Sargent, John W. C.	214.38	4.30	2.00	216.68
Saunders, Amos	109.23	1.08	1.00	109.31
Sawin, Otis W. and Ashton	249.61	3.75	2.00	251.36
Sawyer, Sanford	108.04	2.17	1.00	109.21
Seaver, Silas and George Baker	81.18	1.22	.50	81.90
Simonds, Charles A.	112.46	1.69	1.00	113.15
Smith, Charles H.	152.84	3.06	1.50	154.40
Smith, Forrest E. (New)	150.00	1.12	1.00	150.12

Smith, Grace G. (New)	100.00	—	—	100.00
Smith, Sarah B.	50.96	1.01	—	51.97
Spaulding and Rugg	266.60	5.35	—	269.95
Sprague, Samuel H.	101.45	1.53	2.00	101.98
Stearns, Sarah H.	130.04	2.61	1.00	131.65
Taylor, Peter	100.38	1.51	.50	101.39
Upton, George C.	1,130.32	17.02	10.00	1,137.34
Viner, Clarence S. (New)	100.00	—	—	100.00
Walton, Joseph L.	50.82	.50	—	51.32
Ware, Abigail E.	277.39	4.17	2.00	279.56
Warner, Emory	162.33	3.25	1.50	164.08
Wetherby, Lina W.	105.29	1.04	1.00	105.33
Wheeler, Delia	58.82	.58	—	59.40
Whipple and Hackett	127.70	2.55	1.00	129.25
Whitman, Fred S. and S. Whitney	534.72	10.74	5.00	540.46
Whitney, Aaron	104.22	2.09	1.00	105.31
Whitney, Augustine	102.68	2.05	1.00	103.73
Whitney, Calvin and Canham	104.11	2.09	1.00	105.20
Whitney, John	135.37	2.03	1.00	136.40
Whitney, Malcom R.	103.32	1.02	1.00	103.34
Whitney, Stillman	111.04	1.66	1.00	111.70
Whitney, Warren	112.98	1.69	1.00	113.67
Wood, Aaron	101.82	2.03	1.00	102.85
Wood, Theodore and Charles P.	107.24	1.06	1.00	107.30
Woodbury, Joseph	109.83	1.09	1.00	109.92
Wyman, Benjamin	233.25	3.51	2.50	234.26
Wyman, David (New)	50.00	.12	—	50.12
Wyman, Harrison (New)	50.00	.12	—	50.12

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Concluded

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1946</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended by the Superintendent</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1946</i>
Wyman, Sophia L.	154.00	3.09	1.00	156.09
Young, Fidelia Sawin	51.62	1.03	—	52.65
Totals	\$30,780.33	\$457.83	\$239.50	\$30,998.66

Respectfully submitted,
 JUDSON R. FOSTER
 TOWN TREASURER

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS — 1946

TAXES

Current Year:		
Polls	\$ 1,058.00	
Personal	10,912.74	
Real Estate	55,916.04	
	<hr/>	\$ 67,886.78
Received from City of Fitchburg		999.05
Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts		11.55
Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts		13.20
Previous Year:		
1945 Personal	\$ 448.79	
Real Estate	7,164.27	
	<hr/>	7,613.06
Received from Tax Title Redemptions		191.63
1945 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 30.00	
1946 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	2,602.61	
	<hr/>	2,632.61
From State, Corporations, Banks etc.:		
Income Tax	\$ 8,915.00	
Corporation Tax	3,623.89	
Meals Tax (O.A.A.)	440.54	
Highway Tax	5,068.46	
	<hr/>	18,047.89
Massachusetts School Fund	\$ 2,715.15	
Union Superintendent	773.33	
High School Tuition and Transportation	519.71	
Vocational Schools	951.38	
Tuition and Transportation State Wards	1,348.64	
	<hr/>	6,308.21

From other Towns:	
Tuition	136.00
From Licenses	180.00
From Applications for Liquor Licenses	15.00
From Court Fines	107.00
From Dog Licenses from County	547.86
From Hager Park for wood	122.00

Town Hall:	
Rentals	320.00
For Sink Fund (from Home and Community Service of Grange)	37.94
Sale of two Cupboards	4.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

From State:	
Division of Live Stock	37.50
From County:	
Services of Dog Officer	4.00
From Sealer of Weights and Measures (fees)	14.10
From Central Construction Co. (fire damage)	100.18

BOARD OF HEALTH

Dental Clinic fees	10.75
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HIGHWAYS AND STATE ROAD

From Machinery Rentals (Town Rentals)	\$ 9,032.28	
(Outside Rentals)	8,353.12	
		<u>17,385.40</u>

From State:		
Chapter 81, 1945 Contract No. 4419	\$ 3,268.32	
Chapter 81, 1946 Contract No. 4599	8,778.31	
Chapter 90, 1945 Contract No. 9471	528.68	
		<u>12,575.31</u>

From State:	
Snow and Ice Removal Route No. 140	283.75

CHARITIES

Reimbursement:	
From Federal Aid to Dependent	

Children	\$ 313.90	
From State Aid to Dependent Children	303.99	
From State Temporary Aid	572.00	
From Cities and Towns	426.14	
	<hr/>	1,616.03
From State Aid		220.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Reimbursement:		
From Federal Aid	\$ 4,957.58	
From Federal Administration	165.24	
	<hr/>	5,122.82
From State	\$ 5,650.19	
From other Cities and Towns	270.24	
	<hr/>	5,920.43

SCHOOLS

From Individuals (damage to School Building and contents)	162.24
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LIBRARY

From Fines	\$ 46.76	
From Lending Library receipts	25.03	
From Books sold	4.30	
	<hr/>	76.09

CEMETERIES

For Burials	\$ 230.00	
For Sale of Lot	5.00	
For Foundations	65.50	
For Straightening Head Stones	31.50	
For care of and Special Work on Lots	312.00	
For Flowers	6.03	
	<hr/>	650.03

INTEREST

From Taxes 1945	\$ 186.28	
From Taxes 1946	21.44	
From Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	.86	
From Tax Titles	4.30	
From Demands	77.70	
	<hr/>	290.58
Deeds		6.00

Income from Trust Funds:

Town Library Fund	\$	27.00	
George Miller Library Fund		28.50	
Child's Library Fund		2.26	
P. P. Ellis Library Fund		7.50	
D. W. Sanders Library Fund		30.00	
A. R. Hager Library Fund		12.00	
J. W. Forbush Library Fund		20.00	
Sarah Barnes Library Fund		4.00	
C. A. Forbush Library Fund		7.50	
M. A. Farnsworth Library Fund		7.88	
F. S. Whitman Library Fund		6.00	
Haws Library Fund		25.00	
Henrietta Gates Library Fund		30.00	
Adelaide Berry Library Fund		1.83	
			209.47
Interest on Water Fund			220.00
Blue Cross Deductions			441.20

TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Cemetery Perpetual care Funds (new)	950.00
Dog Licenses for County	755.60
Tax Deductions	2,756.20

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Refunds:

Tax Taking Expense	\$	3.00	
Loss of Taxes		955.27	
Gas Tax		105.06	
Highways		10.45	
Machinery Repairs		22.58	
Machinery Rentals		.40	
Snow and Ice		214.50	
Schools		4.50	
Public Welfare		55.00	
Vocational		.54	
			1,371.30

Transfers:

Smith Poor Fund	\$	408.00
Upton School Fund		400.00
Hager School Fund		205.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds		286.50

Town Hall Sink Fund	110.89	
	<hr/>	1,410.39
Total Receipts		\$157,763.15
Cash on hand January 1, 1946		41,354.71
		<hr/>
		\$199,117.86

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Lelislature:		
Moderator		\$ 25.00
Selectmen:		
Salaries	\$ 600.00	
Membership dues	9.00	
Attendance at meetings	11.10	
Printing, postage and supplies	23.20	
Warrants and advertising	46.10	
	<hr/>	689.40
Appropriation Salaries \$600.00		
Expense \$100.00 — Balance \$10.60		
Accountant:		
Salary	\$ 700.00	
Assistant	221.70	
Supplies, Printing, Stationery, and		
Postage	39.76	
	<hr/>	961.46
Appropriation Salary \$700.00		
Expense \$300.00 — Balance \$38.54		
Treasurer:		
Salary	\$ 150.00	
Surety Bond	58.50	
Stamped Envelopes	66.42	
Law Expenses	24.00	
Printing, Postage, etc.	5.45	
	<hr/>	304.37

Appropriation Salary \$150.00

Expense \$150.00

Transferred from Reserve \$4.37

Collector:

Salary	\$ 800.00
Assistant	91.65
Surety Bond	72.00
Deputy Collector's Bond	5.00
Expense at Collectors' Meetings	7.99
Bills and Forms	83.09
Tax Title Expense	20.26
Stamped Envelopes	66.69
Dues	1.00
Supplies, Printing and Postage	62.94

1,210.62

Appropriation Salary \$800.00

Expense 300.00

Refund 3.00

Transferred from Reserve 107.62

Assessors:

Salaries	\$ 675.00
Assistant	185.90
Attendance at Meetings	31.33
Dues	6.00
Abstracts	50.07
Cards	106.38
Furniture	244.96
Supplies, Printing, Postage, etc.	191.13

1,490.77

Appropriation Salaries \$675

Expenses \$825 — Balance \$9.23

Town Clerk:

Salary	\$ 100.00
Surety Bond	5.00
Recording Fees	72.10
Attendance at Meetings	13.81
Printing, Postage, etc.	34.43
All Other	6.91

232.25

Appropriation Salary \$100.00

Expense \$250.00 — Balance \$117.75

Other Finance:

Rent of Safe Deposit Box (Appropriation \$50.00 — Balance \$26.00)	24.00
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Election and Registration:

Registrars	\$ 101.90	
Election Officers	119.29	
Printing, Postage, etc.	28.45	
	<hr/>	249.64

Appropriation	Expense	\$250.00
	Balance	0.36

School Committee Salaries (Appropriation \$225.00)	225.00
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Board of Public Welfare Salaries (Appropriation \$300.00)	300.00
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Town Hall:

Janitor's Salary and Other Labor	\$ 433.80	
Express, etc.	4.75	
Water Rent	17.81	
Fuel	265.31	
Lights	82.30	
Telephone	43.70	
Janitor's Supplies	20.75	
Repairs and Equipment	737.13	
Outside Labor	54.60	
	<hr/>	1,660.15

Appropriation \$1,200.00

Transferred from Reserve \$460.15

Town Hall Repairs:	2,722.19
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Balance carried forward	
January 1, 1946	\$1,000.00
Special Appropriation	1,500.00
Transferred from Reserve	222.19

Police Protection:

Police Work	\$ 489.98	
Constable (Posting Warrants)	8.00	
Department of Police—Gardner	14.00	
	<hr/>	511.98

Appropriation \$500.00
 Transferred from Reserve 11.98

Dog Officer:

Care of and Destroying Dogs \$ 25.00

25.00

Appropriation \$50.00 — Balance \$25.00

Fire Department:

Yearly Salaries	\$ 140.00
Wages—Testing Hose and House Fires	871.50
Insurance	190.00
Shoveling Snow	27.50
Food at Fires	16.82
Lights	81.41
Telephone	47.44
Apparatus	326.67
Water Rent	7.12
Hose	592.42
Gas, Oil, etc.	207.94
Building Repairs	41.78
All Other	11.43

2,562.03

Forestry:

Forest Warden	\$ 25.00
Forest Fires	325.55
Fuel	1.56
Repairs	11.78

363.89

\$ 2,925.92

Appropriation \$2,250.00
 Overdraft 675.92

Forest Fire Equipment 300.00
 Appropriation \$500.00 — Balance \$200.00

Tree Warden 99.40
 Appropriation \$100.00 — Balance \$0.60

Moth (Appropriation \$500.00) 500.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary	\$ 60.00
Equipment	8.34

68.34

Appropriation \$75.00 — Balance \$6.66

BOARD OF HEALTH

Inspection of School Children	\$ 75.00
Inspection of Animals and Barns	75.00
Inspection of Meats	10.38
Cleaning of Dump	114.80
Worcester County Sanitorium (Board and Care)	522.00
Labor	412.69
All Other	1.00

1,210.87

Appropriation \$450.00
Overdraft 760.87

Tuberculosis Hospital (Appropriation \$1,521.62)

1,521.62

HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81:

Labor and Trucks	\$ 9,007.17
Rentals	5,665.43
Express	8.20
Oil	894.20
Tarmac	6,771.92
Gravel	380.78
Equipment and Repairs	1,278.07

24,005.77

Appropriation \$ 6,000.00 — Balance \$0.07

State 18,000.00
Refund 5.84

Machinery Repairs Purchase and Maintenance:

Labor Pay Rolls	\$ 1,946.07
Rentals	50.00
Tires and Batteries	736.18
Shovel Parts	572.45
Truck, Tractor, Parts and Labor	5,577.52
Express	32.95
New 2-inch Rex Pump	271.17
Gas, Fuel, Oil, and Grease	1,991.20

11,177.54

Transferred from Rentals

March 2, 1946	\$12,583.62
Refund	27.59
Gas Tax Refund	105.06

Balance \$1,538.73 \$12,716.27

Sidewalk Repairs:

Labor	\$ 317.78
Materials	181.85

499.63

Appropriation \$500.00 — Balance \$0.37

Bridges:

Labor	\$ 48.65
Rentals	5.00
Lumber	300.00
All Other	42.46

396.11

Appropriation \$400.00 — Balance \$3.89

Snow and Ice Removal:

Labor	\$ 3,228.98
Trucks	767.53
Express	59.30
Telephone and Lights	92.46
Blacksmith and Welding	182.84
Salt and Chloride	333.25
Sand	104.55
New Motor Spreader	296.00
Parts and Repairs	1,445.21
Tires and Chains	76.78

6,586.90

Appropriation \$6,000.00

Refund	214.50
Transferred from Reserve	372.40

Snow and Ice Sidewalks:

Labor	\$ 67.30
Materials	45.60

112.90

Appropriation \$100.00

Transferred from Reserve 12.90

Sidewalk Plow

2,897.55

Appropriation \$2,900.00 — Balance \$2.45

Contract	1,723.85
Appropriation \$1,750.00 — Balance \$26.15	

Watering Tubs and Guide Boards:

Signs and Labor	\$ 199.40	
Water Rent for Fountain	12.50	
	<hr/>	211.90

Appropriation	\$200.00
Overdraft	11.90

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Labor	\$ 1,367.38	
Hired Trucks	54.00	
Rentals	610.15	
Gravel	57.00	
Oil	1,749.04	
Tarmac	662.42	
	<hr/>	4,499.99

Appropriation	\$1,500.00 — Balance \$0.01
State's Share	1,500.00
County's Share	1,500.00

Chapter 90 Construction:

Labor	\$ 5,231.72	
Hired Trucks	873.51	
Rentals	2,875.08	
Culverts	982.79	
Tarmac	726.70	
Gravel	308.93	
	<hr/>	10,998.73

Appropriation	\$2,750.00 — Balance \$1.27
State's Share	5,500.00
County's Share	2,750.00

PUBLIC WELFARE

Allowances, Board and Care	\$ 983.00	
Medicine and Medical Care	42.50	
Groceries, Provisions, Clothing, etc.	515.59	
Fuel	2.10	
Charlton Home Farm	346.25	
Hospital Care	157.17	
Funeral Expenses	115.00	
Other Expenses	8.50	
Relief by Other Cities and Towns	274.57	
	<hr/>	2,444.68

Appropriation \$2,500.00 — Balance \$110.32
 Refund 55.00

Allowances from Smith Fund 408.00

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Federal Administration 3.00
 Balance January 1, 1946 \$26.47
 Balance forwarded 23.47

Allowances (Appropriation \$1,000.00 —
 Balance \$372.70) 627.30

Federal Grant Allowances 333.30
 Balance January 1, 1946 \$ 27.50
 Received from Federal 313.90
 Balance forwarded 8.10

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Federal Administration 180.00
 Balance January 1, 1946 \$ 18.24
 Received from Federal 165.24
 Balance forwarded 4.08

Federal Grant:
 Allowances \$ 4,996.50
 Medicine and Medical Care 186.76
5,183.26

Balance January 1, 1946 \$ 258.46
 Received from Federal 4,957.58
 Balance forwarded 32.78

Old Age Assistance:
 Allowances \$ 7,822.82
 Medicine and Medical Care 687.32
 Other Cities and Towns 93.30
 Other Expenses 13.22
8,616.66

Appropriation \$7,500.00
 Transferred from Reserve 86.76
 Overdraft 1,029.90

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Soldiers' Relief:

Allowances	\$ 645.00
Fuel	9.00
Groceries	23.39
	677.39

Appropriation \$1,500.00 — Balance \$822.61

State Aid (Appropriation \$120.00) 120.00

SCHOOLS

School Committee:

Expense	\$ 1.20
Writing Special Certificates	25.00
Census	25.00
Telephone (both schools)	82.09
	<u>\$ 133.29</u>

Superintendent:

Salary	\$ 1,443.96
Clerk	150.00
Expense of Lecturer for Teachers	5.00
Traveling Expenses and Telephone	238.60
Expenses at Conference	28.98
	<u>1,866.54</u>

Supervisors:

Music Teacher	\$ 615.60
Drawing Teacher	615.60
Writing Teacher	275.00
	<u>1,506.20</u>

Nurse:

Salary	\$ 707.30
Expense	42.80
	<u>750.10</u>

Teachers' Salaries:

Junior High School	\$ 5,803.44
Elementary	7,936.96
	<u>13,740.40</u>

Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Fund		812.46
Text Books and Supplies:		
Junior High School	\$ 698.72	
Elementary	649.93	
	<hr/>	1,348.65
Tuition:		
High School	\$ 7,715.76	
Elementary	1,313.97	
	<hr/>	9,029.73
Transportation:		
High School	\$ 3,585.30	
Junior High School	2,418.00	
Elementary	4,920.00	
	<hr/>	10,923.30
Janitor's Service:		
Junior High School	\$ 499.01	
Elementary	996.00	
	<hr/>	1,495.01
Water Rent		23.75
Fuel and Lights:		
Junior High School	\$ 511.56	
Elementary	584.65	
	<hr/>	1,096.21
Maintenance of Building and Grounds:		
Junior High:		
Repairs	\$ 158.44	
Supplies	61.17	
All Other	40.12	
	<hr/>	259.73
Elementary:		
Repairs	\$ 508.93	
Supplies	79.14	
All Other	7.87	
	<hr/>	595.94
Furniture and Furnishings:		
Junior High School	\$ 371.31	
Elementary	139.75	
	<hr/>	511.06
	<hr/>	\$ 44,092.37

Appropriation	\$45,585.89	— Balance	\$2,103.02
Refunds	4.50		
Upton Fund	400.00		
Hager Fund	205.00		

VOCATIONAL

Tuition		\$ 1,685.33	
Transportation		1,008.18	
			2,693.51
Appropriation	\$2,700.00	— Balance	\$7.03
Refunds	.54		

LIBRARY

Salaries:			
Librarian	\$	669.30	
Assistant		402.50	
Janitor		240.00	
			\$ 1,311.80

Books and Periodicals:

Books	\$	369.03	
Periodicals		123.10	
Binding Books		5.40	
Telephone, Stationery and Postage		30.85	
Supplies, Printing and Other Expense		37.25	
			565.63

Buildings and Grounds:

Janitor's Supplies	\$	1.49	
Repairs		125.80	
Care of Grounds		17.56	
Fuel		242.60	
Lights		94.03	
All Other		8.80	
			490.28

Appropriation	\$1,600.00		
Dog Fund	547.86		
Income from Trust Funds	209.47		
Transferred from Reserve	10.38		
			2,367.71

UNCLASSIFIED

Kitchen Fund (Received \$148.83)		148.83
Band Concerts (Appropriation \$125.00)		125.00
Memorial Day (Appropriation \$135.00 — Balance \$4.25)		130.75
World War Memorial (Appropriation \$50.00 — Balance \$8.20)		41.80
Welcome Home Day (Appropriation \$1,500.00 — Balance \$312.20)		1,187.80
Care of Town Clock (Appropriation \$20.00)		20.00
Printing Town Reports (Appropriation \$193.60)		193.60
Blanket Fire Insurance and Liability Insurance (Appropriation \$1,290.23 — Overdraft \$631.98)		1,922.21
Purchase of Town Dump (Appropriation \$250.00)		250.00
1941 O.A.A. Bill (Appropriation \$54.00)		54.00
Draw-Pipe on Eaton Street (Appropriation \$250.00 — Balance \$250.00)		
Soup Kitchen (Appropriation \$300.00 — Balance \$35.16)		264.84
Blue Cross Deductions		505.20
Miscellaneous:		
Spanish War Memorial	\$ 125.77	
Care of Common	11.50	
Surveying Town Land	33.00	
Highway Damage to Car	45.33	
Certificate State Guard	3.00	
		218.60
Appropriation	\$150.00	
Transferred from Reserve	68.60	

CEMETERIES

Superintendent's Salary	\$ 1,411.00	
Other Labor	1,165.35	
Printing	16.00	
Loam	34.30	
Flowers and Shrubs	16.00	
		2,642.65
(Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Transferred from Reserve	642.65	

HAGER PARK TRUSTEES

Labor Cutting Wood	\$ 189.46	
Trucking Wood	41.75	
Equipment	10.70	
		241.91
(Appropriation \$500.00 — Balance \$258.09)		

INTEREST

Schoolhouse Note	337.50
(Appropriation \$375.00 — Balance \$37.50)	

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Schoolhouse Note Payment (From E. & D. \$1,500.00)	1,500.00
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AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency:

County Tax (Appropriation \$3,381.34 — Overdraft Forwarded \$76.93)	3,458.27
State Tax (Appropriation \$1,500.00)	1,500.00
State Parks and Reservations (Appropriation \$77.58 — Overdraft Forwarded \$46.55)	124.13
Auditing Municipal Accounts (Appropriation \$13.86)	13.86
Dog Licenses to County	755.60
Federal Tax Deductions	2,756.20

Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds (New)	800.00
Special Cemetery Fund for 1946 Work	22.00

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Refunds:

Taxes	\$ 65.21	
Excise Taxes	7.20	
		<u>72.41</u>

Total Payments	<u>\$167,403.19</u>
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Cash Balance December 31, 1946	31,714.67
	<u>\$199,117.86</u>

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY S. KENDALL
Town Accountant

TRUST FUNDS, CASH AND SECURITIES

	<i>Amount January 1, 1946</i>	<i>Income 1946</i>	<i>Income Spent</i>	<i>Principal Lost</i>	<i>New Trust Funds</i>	<i>Balance December 31, 1946</i>
F. W. Smith Poor Fund	\$35,595.93	\$601.07	\$408.00			\$35,789.00
J. W. Forbush Poor Fund	3,776.99	56.86				3,833.85
Upton School Fund	14,516.67	495.28	400.00	\$1,251.25		13,360.70
Hager School Fund	14,452.86	207.88	205.00			14,455.74
Preston P. Ellis School Fund	820.75	10.75				831.50
Charles R. Dutton School Fund	909.43	9.10				918.53
Town Library Fund	1,800.00	27.00	27.00			1,800.00
George A. Miller Library Fund	1,901.16	28.50	28.50			1,901.16
Lucy J. Child's Library Fund	150.00	2.26	2.26			150.00
Preston P. Ellis Library Fund	500.00	7.50	7.50			500.00
Daniel W. Sanders Library Fund	2,000.00	30.00	30.00			2,000.00
A. R. Hager Library Fund	600.00	12.00	12.00			600.00
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	1,000.00	20.00	20.00			1,000.00
Sarah M. Barnes Library Fund	200.00	4.00	4.00			200.00
M. A. Farnsworth Library Fund	525.00	7.88	7.88			525.00
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	500.00	7.50	7.50			500.00
Fred S. Whitman Library Fund	300.00	6.00	6.00			300.00
M. D. Haws Library Fund	1,000.00	25.00	25.00			1,000.00
Henrietta Gates Library Fund	3,489.43	34.89	30.00			3,494.32
Adelaide Berry Library Fund	100.00	1.83	1.83			100.00

Joseph Barrell Cemetery Fund	2,351.63	45.36	4.00	2,392.99
Daniel W. Sanders Cemetery Fund	2,208.96	44.39	21.00	2,232.35
M. A. Creed Cemetery Wall Fund	1,284.82	12.87		1,297.69
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	29,830.33	457.83	239.50	30,998.66
Water Investment Fund	15,000.00	220.00	220.00	15,000.00
	\$134,813.96	\$2,375.75	\$1,706.97	\$135,181.49
Rehabilitation Fund	\$15,360.87	\$345.19		\$15,706.06
Celebration Committee	\$46.31	.59		\$51.40
			4.50*	

*New books

TRIAL BALANCE OF DECEMBER 31, 1946

<i>Assets</i>		<i>Liabilities</i>	
Cash on Hand	\$31,714.67	Machinery Rentals	\$18,924.13
Library Cash	10.00	Cemetery Lots	45.00
Taxes 1945 (Rec'd since Jan. 1, \$452.10)	496.65	Aid to Dependent Children	23.47
Taxes 1946	7,756.20	Administration (Federal)	
Tax Titles	1,918.70	Aid to Dependent Children Aid (Federal)	8.10
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	69.28	Old Age Assistance Adm'r (Federal)	4.08
Accounts Receivable:		Old Age Assistance Aid (Federal)	32.78
State Aid	70.00	Departmental Revenue	1,737.76
Public Welfare	768.00	Tax Title Revenue	1,918.70
Aid to Dependent Children	101.36	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Revenue	69.28
Old Age Assistance	529.10	Aid to Highway Revenue	20,471.69
Highway Bills	210.50	Overlay 1945	654.42
Schools	58.80	Overlay 1946	1,502.12
Chapter 81 Highways	9,221.69	Overlay Reserve	4,506.97
Chapter 81 Highways extra allotment	6,000.00	Balances Forwarded:	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	3,000.00	Chapter 81 Highways	\$0.07
Chapter 90 Construction	8,250.00	Chapter 90 Maintenance	.01
County Tax	76.93	Chapter Construction	1.27
State Parks and Reservations Tax	46.55	Joseph Barrell Cemetery Fund	1.35
Blue Cross Deductions	60.00		1.00
Board of Health	760.87	Excess and Deficiency Surplus	23,568.15
Fire Department	675.92		
Old Age Assistance	1,029.90		
Water Fountain Rent	11.90		
Insurance	631.98		
Net Funded Debt	\$73,469.00		\$73,469.00
	\$12,000.00	Schoolhouse Loan	\$12,000.00

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

For The Year 1946

To the Board of Selectmen:

The following is the list of weighing and measuring devices tested and sealed during the year 1946:

- 7 platform scales under 5,000 lbs.
- 1 counter scales under 100 lbs.
- 1 counter scales over 100 lbs.
- 2 springs scales under 100 lbs.
- 5 computing scales under 100 lbs.
- 18 gasoline measuring pumps
- 3 oil measuring pumps

The slight increase over last year's business was caused principally by the fact that more gasoline pumps were in use.

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO A. LEINO
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

For The Year 1946

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby submit for your approval the twenty-eighth annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1946.

Below you will find a record of fires that we were called upon to extinguish. This does not cover the many brush fires or the request of Governor Tobin to send our tank truck to Cape Cod at the time of the serious brush fire last April.

Buildings 6, chimneys 11, automobiles 2, oil burners 2 and one large hay stack.

Buildings lost due to fire was greater this past year and was somewhat due to lack of a good water supply in the outskirts of the town.

Our losses should not be as great in the future if something within reason can be done about a better water supply system.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. BEACH

W. H. GOODRIDGE

M. R. FRENCH

Board of Fire Engineers.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

For the Year 1946

The following figures relate to the Property and Poll Taxes as assessed January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946.

Value of Assessed Personal Estate	1945	1946
Stock in Trade	\$ 9,550.00	\$ 11,850.00
Machinery	17,450.00	205,178.08
Livestock	51,293.00	68,128.30
Other Tangibles	209,109.00	26,980.00

Value of Assessed Real Estate:		
Land	405,370.00	402,365.00
Buildings	1,202,065.00	1,265,255.00

Total Value of Assessed Property	\$1,894,837.00	\$1,979,756.38
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Tax Rate per \$1,000.00	\$33.00	\$37.70
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Taxes for State, County and Town Purposes:		
On Real Estate	\$ 53,045.35	\$ 62,869.27
On Personal	9,504.07	11,767.54
On Polls	1,288.00	1,352.00

Total Taxes to be raised	\$ 63,837.42	\$ 75,988.81
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Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed	646	800
Total Assessed Value	\$60,050.00	\$83,165.00
Total Excise Tax	2,033.65	2,700.39
Excise Rate per \$1,000.00	35.60	35.40
Number of Polls Assessed	642	676
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	—	18,901
Number of Houses Assessed	527	522
Number of Camps Assessed	306	293

Number of Livestock Assessed:	1945	1946
Cows	504	433
Young Stock	109	111
Horses	50	56
Swine	611	603
Fowl	26,305	42,800
Sheep	19	19
All Others	43	16
Abatements:		
Real Estate	\$239.25	\$366.65
Personal	20.46	7.78
Motor Vehicles	22.34	37.30
Men in Service	228.00	190.00
Men Over 70 Years	98.00	106.00
All Others	14.00	12.00

Also there was in January 1947 as a left-over of 1946 taxes a commitment on 30 vehicles amounting to \$85.46 on cars valued at \$10,418.00.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON S. GREELY, *Ch.*
ELMER E. LUOMA
ALBERT E. GATES
Board of Assessors

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES BY THE
BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR 1946

Appropriation voted at March 2, 1946 Town Meeting	\$825.00
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EXPENSES

Salary of Clerk	\$194.60
Equipment	305.29
Stationery, Office Supplies and Postage	163.24
Expenses for Attendance at Assessors' Meetings	60.35
Telephone	26.40
Abstracts and Title	50.07
Dues	6.00
Binding Tax Commissioner's Copy of Commitment Sheets	5.00

	\$810.95
Balance of Appropriation Unexpended	14.05

\$825.00

INVENTORY OF STATIONERY AND OFFICE SUPPLIES
DECEMBER 31, 1946

About 600 Commitment sheets	\$ 30.00
About 1,000 Real Estate and Personal Property Cards	10.00
About 500 Letterheads	3.00
No Polls Cards	
No Stamps	

\$ 43.00

NELSON S. GREELY
Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

For the Year 1946

Four regular meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Forbush Memorial Library were held in March, July, October and December in the course of which the routine business of the Library was transacted.

Repairs on the Library building and its general upkeep were dealt with as circumstances indicated. A major item was the replacement of one of the outside lights which was blown over and broken in a severe storm. Pending extensive alterations on the roof which are not yet feasible, constant patching and minor repairs have been necessary to reduce as much as possible the damage from leaks.

Obsolete and unused books have been discarded by the Librarian with the approval of the Trustees in order to make room for new acquisitions. Many new books of fiction and non-fiction have been added to the shelves, some being purchased and some presented by generous donors. The maps in the Town Histories, which were shabby and worn, have been replaced.

In view of the rising cost of living, the Trustees found it advisable to raise the salaries of the Library personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

LOIS F. INNIS, Secretary
J. PHILIP HOWARD
DORIS M. FENNO
ARTHUR K. RICE
LILLIAN A. McALLESTER
ROBERT M. DENTON

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of Forbush Memorial Library:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1946.

The supply of books has been ample this year. These books have covered a wide field of information and pleasurable reading. Many of our patrons have voiced their appreciation.

Children's Book Week, November 10 — 16, was observed by a display of new books covering many subjects of interest to children from pre-school age through the ninth grade.

Twenty-five dollars and three cents was received from the pay shelf.

The Division of Public Libraries has kept us supplied with books in the Finnish language.

The Museum has had many visitors, among these were Brownie Troop No. 3, and their leader, Mrs. Adams.

Fifty magazines were placed on the tables. Of these, eight were given.

The Librarians wish to express their appreciation to the Trustees for their kindness and co-operation.

LIBRARY STATISTICS

Days open	153
Largest day's circulation	154
Smallest day's circulation, October 28	32
Average daily circulation	75
Total circulation	11,480
Number of volumes added by gift	45
Number of volumes added by purchase	217
Total number of volumes added	262

GIFTS — BOOKS

21 volumes	Miss Ruth Butterfield
4 volumes	Mr. C. Cummings
6 volumes	Mr. Harry Siitinen
1 volume	Brownie Troop No. 3
1 volume	Miss Nancy Rice
1 volume "I Chose Freedom"	Publishers
1 volume "Bernard Baruch"	Carter Field
10 volumes, History of the Civil War	Mrs. Crocker

GIFTS — PERIODICALS

Antiques	Mrs. Albert Sargent
Missions	Baptist Mission Circle
Christian Leader	Ladies Social Circle
National Grange Monthly	Westminster Grange No. 203
Dumb Animals	Publishers
Humane Review	Publishers
Living Tissue	Publishers
Tax Talk	Publishers

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH L. HARRINGTON
Librarian

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE TAXES OF 1945

Outstanding December 31, 1945	\$ 8,214.66
Refunds	31.76
Aud. Adj.	1.05
	<hr/> \$ 8,247.47
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 7,613.06
Tax Title	11.54
Taxes added to Tax Title	126.22
Outstanding December 31, 1946 (Received since January 1, \$452.10)	496.65
	<hr/> \$ 8,247.47

POLL TAXES OF 1946

Commitments	\$ 1,360.00
Refunds	24.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,384.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 1,058.00
Refunds	24.00
Abatements	20.00
Men in Service	158.00
Men over 70	106.00
Outstanding December 31, 1946	18.00
(Received \$14. 00 since January 1)	<hr/> \$ 1,384.00

PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE TAXES OF 1946

Commitments	\$ 75,126.72
Refund	5.65
	<hr/> \$ 75,132.37
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 66,828.78
Abatements	374.43
Taxes added to Tax Titles	190.95
Warrant in excess of Commitment	.01
Outstanding December 31, 1946	7,738.20
	<hr/> \$ 75,132.37

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX OF 1945	
Outstanding December 31, 1945	\$ 18.00
Warrant January 16, 1946	12.00
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	\$ 30.00
Payments to Treasurer	30.00
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MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX OF 1946	
Commitments	\$ 2,700.39
Overpayment refund	.70
Refunds	6.50
Aud. Adj.	1.60
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	\$ 2,709.19
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 2,602.61
Abatements	30.80
Refunds	6.50
Outstanding December 31, 1946	69.28
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	\$ 2,709.19
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INTEREST COLLECTED	
Taxes 1945	\$ 186.28
Taxes 1946	21.44
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	.86
Tax Titles	4.30
Demands	77.70
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	\$ 290.58
Deeds	6.00
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FLORENCE B. RICE
Tax Collector

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1946

DIRECTORY OF THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Doris B. Jones	Term Expires 1947
Mr. Ralph E. Roper, <i>Chairman</i>	Term Expires 1948
Mr. Guy Cossaboom	Term Expires 1949

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Laurence A. Fogg Sterling, Mass. Tel. 141

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN	Bernice Perkins Shepard M.D.
SCHOOL NURSE	Helen T. McKowen, R.N.
SUPERVISOR OF ART	Margaretta Boylan
SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC	Priscilla Mansur
SUPERVISOR OF PENMANSHIP	W. L. Rinehart

<i>Name</i>	FACULTY <i>Position or Subject</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Recent</i>
		<i>Degrees Held</i>	<i>Total Exp.</i>	<i>Course Taken</i>
Beaumont A. Herman	Principal	3	13	2
	Math-Latin			
Catherine A. Sullivan	Junior High			
	Departmental	1	20	1
Barbara Tomolonius	Junior High			
	Departmental	1	1	1
Mary B. Smith	Grade 6	1	17	1
Bernice Rowe Hemmi	Grade 5	0	3	1
Gladys L. Towle	Grade 4	0	20	1
Carrie I. Estabrook	Grade 2	0	36	3
Sylvia Turunen	Grade 3	1	19	1
Doris Fenno	Grade 1	0	26	1

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

It will be noted from the above that every teacher in Westminster is showing an interest in keeping abreast of modern trends in the educational field. The Harvard-B.U. Course offered in Worcester on "Reading and the Elementary Subjects", under Durrell-Sullivan-Chase and Murphy was of particular interest and value.

To the School Committee and the citizens of Westminster:

I submit herewith my fourth annual report as your superintendent of schools, it being the fifty-sixth in the history of this school union.

The current teacher shortage, and the advancement of teacher's salaries so that they compare with those of other professions, are among the present day problems of all school departments in the commonwealth. I have gone into some detail on these problems later in this report. The school committee has recognized the need of teacher salary adjustments. Although these adjustments are relatively small at the moment, they are a step in the right direction. The salary adjustment of each teacher will be based upon teaching experience, college degrees held, and recent courses taken. The program set up will offer considerable incentive for the taking of approved courses for credit. At least three of our best teachers are seriously considering accepting positions offering considerably more pay. Five years ago this might not have been cause for concern. Today it is. Westminster must be prepared to meet financial competition in the teaching fields of surrounding towns and cities, if our youth are to have the benefit of any teaching, to say nothing of good teaching.

For the past two years the school department, at the close of the fiscal year, has turned back into the general fund substantial balances that have not been expended. This has been accomplished by fortuitous circumstances and careful spending. We do not expect to be able to do this in 1947 due to greatly increased school costs in all fields. We shall have to provide for some increase in the school budget for 1947 due to these nation wide changed conditions.

THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM

While Westminster schools have not been subjected to the pressure that many school systems have in these matters, it might be well to call attention to the trend of our times in connection with

what is coming to be expected of our schools by our citizenry. While I am to a degree sympathetic to this trend toward program expansion, we must be certain that we do not scatter our shot to the extent that we fail to hit much of anything.

The olden day school program consisted largely of the three R's plus considerable motivation and guidance, freely implemented by the use of the hickory stick and birch switch. (We must admit, with Bill Cunningham, that this nation has come a long way on hickory and prayer!)

Today schools are asked to teach physical education, mental hygiene, give physical examinations, provide dental clinics, provide full lunch programs, release time for religious education, teach ethics and manners, have a sports program, have a social program, teach democratic living in a free society, prepare some of our youth for college, some for the business world, others for the mechanical world, and enough of the three R's to all for successful living. All of these things and many others are highly desirable. However, it is very apparent that today's schools are being asked to do many things that formerly were the responsibility of the home, the community, and the church. At the same time the total number of hours that the child is under school control has not been materially increased. It is a physical impossibility for the schools to meet all these needs in the traditional school day.

What is the answer to this situation? A school department is branded as old fashioned and reactionary if it doesn't go along with every pressure group advocating the new, and classed by others, as lacking common sense if it does. It would seem that either the school day and year must be lengthened, or the home, community and church must again assume their traditional responsibilities.

Probably our schools will have to follow a middle of the road course, clinging to that which the years have proven to be good, and include as much of the new concept as they can, without sacrificing the major traditional values of the school program, until such time as common experience shall again determine the surest road to the new school goals of the future.

WESTMINSTER ENROLMENT — OCTOBER — 1946

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
One	15	17	32
Two	15	15	30
Three	13	18	31

Four	11	12	23
Five	11	6	17
Six	13	12	25
Seven	15	11	26
Eight	8	16	24
Nine	5	10	15
Fitchburg High School	22	33	55
Fitchburg Elementary	6	6	12
Gardner High School	1		1
Fitchburg Vocational	4		4
Worcester Boys' Trade	5		5
Worcester Girls' Trade		6	6
Parochial School		2	2
Total	144	164	308

FINANCIAL RETURNS IN CONNECTION WITH SCHOOLS
RECEIVED OR DUE, DECEMBER 31, 1946

1. Superintendent's Salary and Expenses	\$ 773.33
2. General Fund—Part I	2,000.00
3. General Fund—Part II	2,715.17
4. Tuition-Transportation, State Wards	536.16
5. Tuition-Transportation, Hubbardston	132.80
6. Vocational Reimbursement	951.38
7. Income from Trust Funds (Approx.)	600.00
Total	\$7,708.84

READING READINESS

There is such a thing as being too early in teaching children to read. Children develop according to the rate set in them at the beginning. Some children are set in a slow rhythm, some fast, many in the medium rate. Any attempt to bring about a growth in a child ahead of the time nature set in him is bound to be a failure, bound to create trouble and worry. Not only will the growth not be forthcoming but something else will come in its stead; rebellion, tears, stunted growth.

There are parents who are in a great hurry to have their little ones start school. Few children have the development of brain, muscle, and nerves that a school day of the usual sort demands. The great number of children are not ready for first grade work until they are six or seven years old. To enter a five year old child in the

regular first grade class is to do him injustice if not actual harm. If in school at all, he belongs in the kindergarten or the nursery school.

It is natural to be proud of smart children and to want to push them into reading. That should not be done. The little one's eyes, nerves and muscles are not ready for such a strain and trouble will often come of any attempt to force that growth. These children need quiet, rest, play, dancing, ladder climbing, jungle gym work, some hand work, plenty of rhythmic work to good music (melody). They do not need reading; they do not need fine handwork; nor any pressure on their speed of accomplishment.

Before a child can learn to read without stress and strain he must have grown to where his eyes, his muscles, his blood vessels and nerves are fit for the task, about the time he is SIX or SEVEN.

IMPROVEMENT OF READING

Our teachers are trying to raise the general reading level of our grades. In order to solve or take steps toward solving any problem we must first know exactly what the problem is. In order to determine our reading problem, each child in school, regardless of the advanced grade that he may be in, is being tested to determine his exact grade reading level. If the test shows a particular grade eight pupil to have only grade five reading ability we are going to start from this level and build from there. We may never get the child beyond grade six in reading ability, but if we accomplish only that much we will have done a lot for him. Records show that a child having grade six reading ability will get along alright in adult life. Reading materials will be provided in the grades with a high interest level and a vocabulary level low enough so that practically all children will be able to read with enough satisfaction so that their interest will be maintained. Our teachers will try to identify the slow reader's difficulty and provide special remedial drills to overcome the difficulty found. In some cases subject matter will have to be adapted to the reading level of the pupil. The course that some of our teachers are now taking with Drs. Durrell and Sullivan in Worcester is especially helpful in the field of reading difficulties. We are going to try to take the pupil from where he actually is in reading to where he is not, regardless of what his grade identification or tag may be. As Dr. Sullivan says, "It's not as hard as it sounds, it is the philosophy that is needed."

SCHOOL COSTS

Someone has said that a society in which the ideal of our girls is a Hollywood star with four divorces before the age of thirty will

eventually cease to produce good mothers. It is equally true that an economy in which a house maid expects to earn more than a public-school teacher will soon have no devoted teachers. Living costs have risen about forty percent during the past year. Teachers on low fixed salaries need adjustments made.

We propose to base this adjustment of salary on EXPERIENCE, on NUMBER OF DEGREES HELD, and on the continuing education of each individual teacher. The amounts given under each of the above headings will be modest, yet will offer inducements to live, alert, teachers. Under existing circumstances no schedule of salaries can be rigidly adhered to without occasionally preventing the securing or retention of exceptionally desirable teachers. The highest priced teacher is sometimes the cheapest, MEASURED BY THE GOOD SHE DOES. The teacher who fails in discipline or lacks ambition and teaching power, is expensive AT ANY PRICE. What the teacher can accomplish with her pupils is the truest measure of her value. Back in 1904, Mr. George Rugg, a former superintendent of schools in this union, said: "Above College and Normal training, above all the graces of face, figure and voice, fine and essential as these are, is the power of the teacher to develop power in her pupils. TO SUCH A TEACHER WE CAN AFFORD TO PAY A WORTHY HIRE." Under present living conditions this statement of Mr. Rugg's is even more applicable than back in 1904.

Our citizens must expect a considerable increase in the annual school budget, due to generally increased school costs, and in particular to much larger items in the fields of teachers' salaries, and tuition costs for pupils attending school out of town.

Considerable relief may be expected in 1948 from the state, to towns like ours, in the form of increased reimbursements. In three years time it is possible that we will get back as much as forty-eight percent of our annual school budget if present plans go through.

ENTERING AGE

Children must be six years of age on or before December 31, if they are to enter in September. No pupil will be admitted to Grade One later than October 1, except by transfer from another school, and then only if of age stated above. All children must present a birth certificate, or other definite evidence of age, unless birth is recorded in the local Town Report.

A child should have a mental age of six years and six months to be really ready to read. According to tests, if a child's mental age is

below six, starting reading is useless. We give reading readiness tests to all children entering Grade One and advise parents as to the probability of reading success, leaving with them the final decision as to whether their child will continue or wait another year.

"THE BENT TWIG"

The responsibility for the child's failure of adaptation in school rests in the first instance with the parent. Before entering school the child has already formed a definite adjustment, the result of home conditions. By this we do not mean that the teacher can do no wrong. But we do mean that when a child is sent to school much of the wrong may have already been done.

Discipline is often spoken of as a means. IT IS AN END AS WELL AS A MEANS. Nothing conduces more to mental, moral and physical well being of a boy or girl than proper restraint in early life. When a person who has had his own way in childhood and youth comes to the stern and often unyielding realities of life, he is quite sure to meet with disaster. His will, undisciplined, refuses to bend.

One of the by-products that we are reaping due to the lack of present day parental control is the great difficulty being experienced by parents who are looking for rents. How often we find that people with dogs are acceptable as tenants, but with children, not so! This is a sad commentary on the kind of job many parents are doing.

Old-fashioned educated Americans were steeped in history, the Bible and the Constitution. Is modern education turning out a comparable product?

An education that abandons ethical training, even training in deportment, and the disciplinary subjects, such as mathematics and grammar, will produce undisciplined behaviors and undisciplined minds. The tree still inclines as the twig is bent, despite all our "progress". It is the quality of the people and not the quantity of their goods that makes a great or a mean civilization.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE AND THE EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS

All children must attend school between the ages of seven and sixteen. Certain exceptions may be made by written permission of the superintendent of schools for children who have reached the age of fourteen.

Employment permits are required of all persons under twenty-one who are employed in manufacturing, mercantile, and certain other establishments and trades. These may be obtained in Princeton from Mr. Frederick Hawkins or Miss Mildred Henderson; in Westminster from Miss Doris Fenno; in Sterling from Mr. Carleton Rose or Miss Pauline Buck.

The minor must appear in person and present suitable evidence of age, of health, and of having met certain scholastic requirements.

THE TESTING PROGRAM

According to testing authorities, Intelligence tests should be given at four different levels during the public school career of our youth; the primary level, the junior high level, the intermediate level, and the senior high level. We are following this procedure. Achievement tests are given to all grades in May.

THE UNION HIGH SCHOOL QUESTION

Princeton and Sterling citizens are definitely interested in a future Union High School. At present Westminster seems to be more interested in building its own High School. We are about to conduct a survey in Westminster with the view of getting a definite expression of opinion on this question. **THERE IS NO DOUBT BUT WHAT THE THREE TOWNS CAN GET MORE ADVANTAGES FOR THEIR CHILDREN BY UNITING ON A JOINT HIGH SCHOOL, AND GET THEM FAR MORE ECONOMICALLY**, than for each to pursue its own high school development. However, I realize that with the existing school plant, Westminster is in a better position to develop its own high school from a physical standpoint, than many other small towns. Such a three town merger would naturally de-emphasize the individual towns concerned and favor Union prestige. At athletic contests Westminster residents would find themselves in the position of cheering Union High School rather than Westminster High School! Home town school loyalties would gradually be supplanted by loyalties to a larger unit. It may be difficult to generate much enthusiasm for this merger of identity at first but the larger values to be obtained might make it well worth while.

At the time of this writing we are going through a national crisis of such magnitude that it seems inopportune and somewhat futile to talk about expansion of any kind. Perhaps by the time this report comes out, power drunk labor leaders will have been forced

to consider the welfare of all the people, and the traditional way of American life can be resumed with all its potentialities for good.

IN CONCLUSION

I wish to thank the School Committee, the School Principal and our Teachers, and all of the Town's Citizens for their loyalty, support and cooperation in connection with developing Westminster's Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURENCE A. FOGG
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

72 Main Street
Gardner, Massachusetts
December, 31, 1946

Mr. Laurence Fogg
Superintendent of Schools
Sterling, Massachusetts
My dear Mr. Fogg:

I hereby submit to you my annual report as school nurse for the Town of Westminster for the year ending December 31, 1946.

I made visits to the school two days each week. During this period the following work was accomplished:—

- 688 inspections were made
- 205 dressings were done
- 232 children were weighed and measured
- 243 tests were made to detect eye defects
- 229 tests were made to discover ear defects.
- 134 visits were made in the home
- 89 follow up calls were made by telephone
- 1 child attended the Clinic for Crippled Children at the Henry Heywood Hospital, Gardner, Massachusetts
- 5 children attended the Speech Clinic at the Henry Heywood Hospital, Gardner, Massachusetts
- 1 child was examined by Dr. Janet Barnes, psychiatrist, State Hospital, Gardner, Massachusetts
- 9 children taken home from school sick or with symptoms of contagious diseases
- 10 children were in the hospital for Tonsillectomy
- 6 children were fitted to glasse
- 2 children were X-rayed at the Consultation Clinic

Dr. Camille Schmit visited the school three mornings, working on the children's teeth. The following work was done:—

- 27 fillings
- 28 extractions

Dr. Beatrice Perkins, Westminster, Massachusetts, conducted a pre-school Clinic at the school in May:—

10 children were examined and their mothers were
advised about their physical condition
6 children were vaccinated

Dr. Perkins examined each school child during the fall term.
She also came to the school three times on emergency calls.

The contagion during the year has been Measles and Chicken-pox, and, as usual, the common cold and grippe. The lower grades have been the most affected.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN T. McKOWEN, R.N.
School Nurse

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Westminster:

The Bureau of Old Age Assistance submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1946.

At the beginning of the year there were twenty-four persons receiving Old Age Assistance.

During the year four cases were added and six cases were closed.

Twice during the year the state budget was changed, which required each case to be rebudgeted. It is also required that each case be visited twice during the year.

On October 1st. the Federal Government reimbursement was increased to one-half up to \$45.00 a month plus \$2.50 for each case.

At the end of the year twenty-two persons were receiving Old Age Assistance with the following settlements. Gardner three, Fitchburg two, Medford one, Winchendon one and the state four.

Two persons with Westminster settlements are being aided in other towns.

Respectfully submitted,

VANCE L. BUTTERFIELD

ALFRED JONES

CORA FAIRBANKS

Bureau of Old Age Assistance

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Board of Selectmen:

Complaints investigated	67
Auto Accidents	23
Children hit by car	2
Automobile Transfers	49
Arrests	5
Summons Served	5
Deaths	3
Commitments	2
Hospital	1
Abandoned Cars	2
Dances	24
Extra Police Work	57 hours

Respectfully submitted,

TOIVO O. TUOMINEN
Chief of Police

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Selectmen:

Complaints	7
Dogs killed by car	11
Stray Dogs	5
Serving Dog Warrants	11 hours
Dogs Quarantined	2
Dogs Killed	7

Respectfully submitted,

TOIVO O. TUOMINEN
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE CONSTABLE

To the Selectmen:

Warrants were served for one (1) Town Meeting, one (1) Primaries and one (1) election.

Two jurors were drawn during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

TOIVO O. TUOMINEN
Constable

LIST OF JURORS

1947

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Frank S. Smith	Laborer
Elmer E. Luoma	Accountant
James A. Adams	Bank Clerk
Fred Chalmers	Plumber
Paul B. Mansur	Merchant
Kaino Poikonen	Peddler
Frederick Slade	Laborer
Neil L. J. Marsh	Track Inspector
Vance L. Butterfield	Toolmaker
Guy M. Ralph	Procurement Officer
Oscar Sunne	Troubleman
George Thomas	Wheel-sorter
Gordon J. Kelley	Master Mechanic
Oiva Walkonen	Manufacturer

SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATION RECOMMENDATIONS

1947

APPROVED BY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Expenses</i>
Moderator	\$ 25.00	\$ —
Selectmen — \$200 each	600.00	100.00
Town Accountant	800.00	300.00
Town Treasurer	150.00	150.00
Tax Collector	800.00	400.00
Assessors — \$225 each	675.00	825.00
Other Finance	—	50.00
Town Clerk	100.00	250.00
Election and Registration	—	250.00
Board of Public Welfare — \$100 each	300.00	—
School Committee — \$75.00 each	225.00	—
	\$3,675.00	\$2,325.00
		3,675.00

	\$6,000.00
Town Hall, General Maintenance	\$1,500.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Fire Department	\$3,100.00
Forest Fire Equipment and Patrol	500.00
Police Protection	750.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Moth Department	1,000.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	60.00
Tree Warden	100.00
Insurance (Fire, Liability, and Workmen's Compensation)	1,925.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health (Including Dental Clinic)	\$1,000.00
Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital	2,938.12

HIGHWAYS

General Repairs under Chapter 81	\$6,000.00
Bridges	500.00
Snow and Ice (Highways)	6,000.00
Snow and Ice (Sidewalks)	100.00
Street Lighting	1,750.00
Guide Boards	500.00
Sidewalk Repairs	500.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	900.00
Chapter 90 Construction	2,000.00

CHARITIES

Public Welfare	\$3,500.00
Mothers' Aid A.D.C.	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance (Administration \$200)	10,000.00
Soldiers' Relief	1,200.00
State Aid	120.00

SCHOOLS

Schools (including Amount from State)	\$48,636.00
Vocational School	3,000.00

FORBUSH LIBRARY

Not including Dog Fund	\$2,100.00
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CEMETERIES

Including Income from Trust Funds	\$2,500.00
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PAYMENT ON NOTES

School Note (from Excess and Deficiency Fund)	\$1,500.00
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UNCLASSIFIED

Interest	350.00
Hager Park Trustees	500.00
Reserve Fund	2,000.00
World War Memorial	50.00
Memorial Day	135.00
Care of Town Clock	20.00
Printing Town Reports	200.00
Miscellaneous	150.00

GORDON J. KELLEY
 JAMES A. ADAMS
 Advisory Committee

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westminster in the County aforesaid, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of WESTMINSTER, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the TOWN HALL, in said Westminster, on Saturday the first day of March, 1947 at six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following ARTICLES:

To choose by ballot all the necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, or term of years.

Polls will be opened at six o'clock A.M. and closed at five o'clock P.M. and you are further directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westminster qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall at one o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947, and to issue a note or notes therefor, to be paid within one year, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen, or act in relation thereto.

Article 3. To choose all necessary Committees for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see if the Town will choose an agent or agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the Town, or act in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to choose a Director in accordance with the Provision under Chapter 128, General Laws, or pass a vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for the purpose of giving five public band concerts, or act in relation thereto.

Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from Machinery Rental account to Machinery Repair, Purchase, and Maintenance account, or act in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of money as may be necessary for the following departments: General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Highways, Public Welfare, Mother's Aid, State Aid, Old Age Assistance, Soldiers' Relief, Schools, Library, Cemeteries, Payment of Debts, Unclassified, Town Hall, and Sidewalks.

Article 10. Chapter 81 Highways — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Vote: That the sum of \$6,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that, in addition, the sum of \$12,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 11. Chapter 90 Highways, Maintenance — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Vote: That the sum of \$900.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, and that, in addition, the sum of \$1800.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State and County share of the costs of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

Vote: That the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction and that, in addition, the sum of \$6,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County share of the costs of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 13. To hear reports of any Committee appointed on March 2, 1946, or act in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$332.77 to cover unpaid 1945 and 1946 bills relative to Old Age Assistance, or act in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$236.33 to cover unpaid 1945 and 1946 bills relative to Public Welfare, or act in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$371.00 to cover unpaid 1946 bills relative to Board of Health, \$353.00, Welcome Home Celebration, \$18.00, or act in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 723, acts of 1945, being an Act to authorize the establishment and maintenance of a municipal department or of a district for furnishing information, advice, and assistance to veterans of World War II, or other veterans, or act in relation thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to join a district with one or two other towns, namely Ashburnham and Ashby, thereby apportioning the expense in connection with aid and assistance to veterans.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for our proportionate share of the expense of maintaining a service center for aiding and assisting returning veterans, or other veterans, or act in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to aid in the maintenance of the Soup Project in the public schools, or act in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to remove or allow to be removed, a pine tree in Woodside Cemetery on a vacant lot adjacent to the Gates and Sargent lot, or act in relation thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light adjacent to driveway leading to Albert E. Luke's residence, or act in relation thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$260.00 for the installation of safety lights in the Town Hall in accordance with a State law, or act in relation thereto:

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury \$5,000.00 to be invested in savings accounts to be added to the post-war rehabilitation fund in accordance with the provision of Chapter 5, Acts of 1943, or act in relation thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3234.05 from available funds in the Treasury to cover 1946 overdrafts, specifically: Guide Boards, \$11.90; Old Age Assistance, \$1,029.90; Insurance, \$631.98; County Tax, \$76.93; State Parks, \$46.55; Fire Department, \$675.92; Board of Health, \$760.87, or act in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office and Town Hall in said Town, seven days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this tenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

JUDSON R. FOSTER
PORTER W. DAWLEY
WILLIAM S. JOHNSON
Selectmen of Westminster

A true copy, Attest:

TOIVO TUOMINEN
Constable of Westminster

In Memoriam

1871 — 1947

To the memory of the passing of

EDWARD R. MILLER

The community has lost a public spirited citizen, and friend, who was worthy of our deepest respect and esteem.

Prompted by the motives of right and justice, Mr. Miller had a high conception of public duty and was ever willing to assist in the civic affairs of the town.

Be it resolved that this testimonial of our sorrow be transcribed on the records of the town.

May he rest in peace.

JUDSON R. FOSTER
PORTER W. DAWLEY
WILLIAM S. JOHNSON
Board of Selectmen

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Hannie Earle

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OF THE
Town of Westminster
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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1947

There were two Town Meetings held during the year 1947. (In the following report of the Town Meetings is a synopsis from records of the meeting.)

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION

MARCH 1, 1947

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the voters of the Town of Westminster assembled at Town Hall.

The Warrant was read by the Town Clerk as far as choosing the Town Officers, the remainder of the Articles to be read at the afternoon session.

The polls were opened at six o'clock A.M. and closed at five o'clock P.M.

The Election Officers appointed by the Selectmen and duly sworn by the Town Clerk were as follows:—

Edward J. Abar — *Warden*

Linnea M. Poikonen — *Ballot Clerk*

Gladys G. Towle — *Ballot Clerk*

Alberta M. Denton — *Teller*

Elizabeth M. Battles — *Teller*

At the close of the polls the ballot box registered five hundred and fourteen ballots cast.

Richard W. Ahlin assisted in the counting of the ballots.

The result of the Election was as follows:—

OFFICERS ELECTED

	<i>No. of Votes</i>
MODERATOR — for One Year	
J. Philip Howard — Candidate for re-election — Citiz. Cau.	414
E. J. Abar	2
Blanks	98

TOWN CLERK — for One Year	
Esther H. Hicks — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	454
Arthur Withington	2
Blanks	58
TOWN TREASURER — for One Year	
Judson R. Foster — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	424
Blanks	90
SELECTMAN — for Three Years	
Charles L. Innis — Citz. Cau.	222
Walter W. Wintturi — Nom. paper	280
Blanks	12
BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE — for Three Years	
Vance L. Butterfield — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	439
Philip Howard	1
Blanks	74
ASSESSOR — for Three Years	
Vivian B. Whitney — Citz. Cau.	415
Eino Winter	1
Nelson Greely	1
Blanks	97
SCHOOL COMMITTEE — for Three Years	
Walter E. Chatigny — Nom. paper	203
Ann D. Howard — Citz. Cau.	301
Blanks	10
SCHOOL COMMITTEE — for One Year	
Elmer E. Luoma — Citz. Cau.	424
Bertha Ahlin	1
Blanks	89
LIBRARY TRUSTEES — for Three Years (Two)	
Lillian A. McAllester—Candidate for re-election—Citz. Cau.	363
Arthur K. Rice — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	385
Guy Ralph	1
Blanks	279
HAGER PARK COMMISSIONERS — for Three Years	
Nathan D. Howard — Candidate for re-election—Citz. Cau.	417
Carl Page	1
Blanks	96

TAX COLLECTOR — for One Year	
Florence B. Rice — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	431
Howard Smith	1
Blanks	82
CONSTABLE — for One Year	
William R. Hickey — Nom. paper	69
Toivo O. Tuominen — Candidate for re-election—Citz. Cau.	428
Blanks	17
TREE WARDEN — for One Year	
Peter V. Arcangeli — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	449
Nathan Howard	1
William Hickey	1
Blanks	63
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TOTAL VOTE	514

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was called to order at one-ten o'clock P.M. Prayer was offered by Rev. Marion R. Phelps, Minister of the Congregational Church.

The warrant was read by the Town Clerk Esther H. Hicks.

Moderator J. Philip Howard presided.

Action was taken on the Articles as follows:—

Article 1. Voted that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947, and to issue a note or notes therefor to be paid within one year, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 2. Voted that the Town accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1947

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Frank S. Smith	Laborer
Elmer E. Luoma	Accountant
James A. Adams	Bank Clerk
Fred Chalmers	Plumber

Paul B. Mansur	Merchant
Kaino Poikonen	Pedler
Frederick Slade	Laborer
Neil L. J. Marsh	Track Inspector
Vance L. Butterfield	Tool Maker
Guy M. Ralph	Procurement Officer
Oscar Sunne	Troubleman
George Thomas	Wheel-sorter
Gordon Kelley	Master-Mechanic
Oiva Walkonen	Manufacturer

Article 3. Voted that the same three committees as last serve for the ensuing year. Committees as follows:—

MEASURERS OF WOOD, LUMBER AND BARK

Frank S. Smith	Arthur E. Merriam
Edward Hetu	Henry Waltanen

FIELD DRIVERS

Board of Selectmen

Judson R. Foster	William S. Johnson	Walter W. Wintturi
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FENCE VIEWERS

Raymond Stockwell	Alfred Jones
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Voted that the Water Committee continue for another year. Committee as follows:—

J. Philip Howard	Charles W. Albro	Charles L. Smith
Dugal C. Laughton		Otto Leino

Article 4. Voted that the Selectmen be chosen as Agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the Town.

Article 5. Voted that the Town empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Article 6. Voted to pass the Article.

Article 7. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purpose of giving five public band concerts.

Article 8. Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$18,924.13 from Machinery Rental account to Machinery Repair, Purchase and Maintenance account.

Article 9. Voted under the Cemetery appropriation of \$2,600.00 that \$100.00 be used to buy loam for the sunken graves.

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	
Moderator	\$ 25.00	—	\$ 25.00
Selectmen, \$200. each	600.00	\$ 100.00	700.00
Town Accountant	800.00	300.00	1,100.00
Town Treasurer	150.00	150.00	300.00
Tax Collector	800.00	400.00	1,200.00
Assessors, \$225. each	675.00	825.00	1,500.00
Other Finance	—	50.00	50.00
Town Clerk	100.00	250.00	350.00
Election and Registration	—	250.00	250.00
Board of Public Welfare			
\$100.00 each	300.00	—	300.00
School Committee, \$75. each	225.00	—	225.00
	<u>\$3,675.00</u>	<u>\$2,325.00</u>	

Town Hall, General Maintenance 1,500.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Fire Department	3,100.00
Forest Fire Equipment and Patrol	500.00
Police Protection	1,000.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Moth Department	1,000.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	
\$60.00 Salary, \$15.00 Equipment	75.00
Tree Warden	100.00
Insurance (Fire, Liability and Workmen's Compensation)	1,925.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health (including Dental Clinic)	1,000.00
Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital	2,938.12

HIGHWAYS

(Article 10) General Repairs under Chapter 81	6,000.00
Bridges	500.00
Snow and Ice (Highways)	6,000.00
Snow and Ice (Sidewalks)	100.00
Street Lighting	1,750.00
Guide Boards	500.00
Sidewalk Repairs	500.00
(Article 11) Chapter 90 Maintenance	900.00
(Article 12) Chapter 90 Construction	2,000.00

CHARITIES

Public Welfare	3,500.00
Mothers' Aid A.D.C.	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance (Administration \$200.00)	10,000.00
Soldiers' Relief	1,200.00
State Aid	120.00

SCHOOLS

Schools (including Amount from State)	48,636.00
Vocational School	3,000.00

FORBUSH LIBRARY

Not including Dog Fund	2,100.00
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CEMETERIES

Including Income from Trust Funds	2,600.00
(\$100. of appropriation to buy loam for sunken graves)	

PAYMENT ON NOTES

*School Note (from Excess and Deficiency Fund)	1,500.00
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UNCLASSIFIED

Interest	350.00
Hager Park Trustees	500.00
Reserve Fund	2,000.00
World War Memorial	50.00
Memorial Day	135.00
Care of Town Clock	20.00
Printing Town Reports	200.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
(Article 7) Band Concerts	200.00
(Article 14) Old Age Assistance, 1945 & 1946 Unpaid bills	332.77
(Article 15) Public Welfare, 1945 and 1946 Unpaid bills	236.33
(Article 16) 1946 Unpaid bills, Board of Health \$353.00 and Welcome Home Celebration \$18.00	371.00
(Article 19) Service Center for Veterans	800.00
(Article 20) Soup Project in Public Schools	300.00
(Article 23) Town Hall Safety Lights	260.00

*From Excess and Deficiency Fund

\$116,999.22
1,500.00

Total Appropriation

\$115,499.22

Article 10. Voted that the sum of \$6,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that in addition, the sum of \$12,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 11. Voted that the sum of \$900.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance and that in addition, the sum of \$1,800.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County share of the costs of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 12. Voted that the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction and that in addition, the sum of \$6,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County share of the costs of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 13. Voted to pass the article.

Article 14. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$332.77 to cover unpaid 1945 and 1946 bills relative to Old Age Assistance.

Article 15. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$236.33 to cover unpaid 1945 and 1946 bills relative to Public Welfare.

Article 16. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$371.00 to cover unpaid bills of 1946, Board of Health \$353.00 and Welcome Home Celebration \$18.00.

Article 17. Voted that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 723, Acts of 1945, so far as the Town may legally do so.

Article 18. Voted that this article be left in the hands of the Selectmen, namely, to join a district with Ashburnham and Ashby, thereby apportioning the expense in connection with aid and assistance to veterans.

Article 19. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for our share of the expense of maintaining a service center for aiding and assisting returning veterans, or other veterans.

Article 20. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to aid in the maintenance of the Soup Project in the public schools.

Article 21. Voted that the Town cut a pine tree in Woodside Cemetery, on a vacant lot adjacent to the Gates and Sargent lot, the expense to be born by the Town. Unanimous vote.

Article 22. Voted that the Town install a street light adjacent to the driveway leading to the residence of Albert E. Luke.

Article 23. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$260.00 to install safety lights in the Town Hall.

Article 24. Voted to pass the article.

Article 25. Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$3,110.57 from available funds in the Treasury to cover 1946 overdrafts, specifically:

Guide Boards	\$ 11.90
Old Age Assistance	1,029.90
Insurance	631.98
Fire Department	675.92
Board of Health	760.87

Voted to adjourn at 3:50 P.M.

ESTHER H. HICKS
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 1947

Article 1. Voted that the Town appropriate from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$100.00 to cover an overdraft relative to the expense account of the Collector of Taxes. Unanimous vote.

Article 2. Voted that the Town appropriate from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$100.00 to cover an overdraft relative to the expense account of the Town Treasurer. One vote against, otherwise carried.

Article 3. Voted that the Town appropriate from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,000.00 for Snow and Ice. Unanimous vote.

Article 4. Voted that the Town appropriate from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1,384.69 for Bridges. One vote against, otherwise carried.

Article 5. Voted that the sum of \$300.00 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury to meet the Town's share of Chapter 90 Highway Construction and that in addition the sum of \$900.00 be transferred from available funds in the treasury to meet the State and County share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State and County to be restored, upon the receipt to unappropriated funds in the Treasury. Unanimous vote.

Article 6. Voted that the Town transfer from Machinery Rental Account the sum of \$5,000.00 to the Machinery Repair Purchase and Maintenance Account. Unanimous vote.

Article 7. Voted that the Town accept the streets leading from Route No. 2 to the properties whihc have been completed in the Miles Development, otherwise known as Holmes Park.

Article 8. Voted to pass over the article. (Water Board to establish a Water District.) Moderator Howard ruled that the article was not properly drawn, therefore no action could be legally taken.

Article 9. Voted to pass over the article. (To accept any Federal moneys that may be available in defraying the cost of the water district.)

Article 10. Voted that the Town appropriate from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1,000.00 to be divided as follows:— \$200.00 to be credited to Forest Fire equipment to replenish fire hose, \$800.00 credited to the fire department for purpose of paying forest fire payroll. Unanimous vote.

Voted to adjourn.

ESTHER H. HICKS
Town Clerk

PROPRIETORS' MAP

December 9, 1947

With approval of the Board of Selectmen, I have this day deposited in the American Antiquarian Society, in the City of Worcester, Mass., for safe-keeping only, the original Proprietors' Map of Westminster, dated 1734.

ESTHER H. HICKS
Town Clerk

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

For the Year Ending December 31, 1947

Note: If any errors in names or dates are noticed, or any omissions, please inform the Town Clerk.

Births recorded	56
Deaths recorded	31
Brought in Town for Burial (non-residents)	14
Marriages recorded	34

BIRTHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Names of Parents</i>
Jan. 6	Margaret Karen Kennedy	Harold J. and Geraldine M. (Livermore)
Jan. 9	Karen Lee Baum	Russell R. and Helen M. (Smith)
Jan. 14	Marsha Sue Wiggins	Frank F. and Eunice M. (Young)
Jan. 14	Pamela Acton Brown	Charles H., Jr. and Con- stance (Curtis)
Jan. 16	Bridget Regina Bogdanowicz	Anthony J. and Regina V. (Tarmasewicz)
Jan. 30	Scott Harold Ryder	LeRoy and Sylvia (Luoma)
Jan. 31	Irene Marie Hokkanen	Paul O. and Elsie I. (Kulkkula)
Feb. 16	Richard Huntington Wright, Jr.	Richard H. and Mary B. (Cummings)
Feb. 20	Peter Louis Williams	John L. and Lillian (Goguen)
Mar. 12	Michael Robert May	Robert B. and Helen G. (Petruskas)
Mar. 16	Michael John Waterman	Delbert R. and Charlotte (Gilcrest)
Mar. 19	Susan Lydia Gilman	Richard W. and Josephine (Dowdell)
Mar. 28	Larry Prescott Vine	Homer R. and Edith P. (Abar)
April 2	Kenneth Austin Ringquist	Carl W., Jr. and Esther (Leavenworth)
April 9	Infant Dahm	Maynard L. and Avis I. (Nelson)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Names of Parents</i>
April 12	Dona Lee Mary Adams	Charles and Loretta (Boyer)
April 17	Michael Steven Kaulback	Aubrey C. and Frances (Russell)
April 18	Ronald Allen Clarkson	Robert R. and Esther K. (Conwell)
May 1	William Oscar Wintturi	Walter W. and Ellen K. (Lehtinen)
May 7	Joel Barry Laughton	Herbert and Florence (Lancey)
May 31	Nikki Diane Lambert	George W. and Vilma (Laitinen)
June 2	Nancy Joan Salo	Lennard C. and Aino J. (Keskinen)
July 3	John Todd Crocker	Bigelow, Jr. and Jeanne (LaCroix)
July 7	Allen Henry Martin	Warren and Hazel (Hardy)
July 11	Harold Andrew Aho	Lauri L. and Lydia (Kangas)
July 13	Donald Lawrence Smith	Lawrence G. and Romaine J. (Black)
July 21	William Carlton Bennett, 3rd	William C., Jr. and Leona (Montville)
July 29	Leo Ernest Marien	Philip J. and Berthine (L'Ecuier)
July 29	Beverly Jane Hurme	Teppo U. and Rachel A. (Maki)
July 30	Bruce Wayne Vieweg	Herman C. and Ardath (Woollacott)
July 31	Constance Louise Swift	Sidney R. and Louise P. (Woodward)
Aug. 12	Gary Allen Leavenworth	Allen and Leonore (Lawrence)
Aug. 12	Sally Ann French	Marshall and Joyce (Riddell)
Aug. 29	Nancy Jane Gage	Franklin B. and Charlotte K. (Beardsley)
Aug. 29	Lois Ann Martin	Philip J. and Kathleen (O'Connor)
Aug. 29	James Roger White	Roger G. and Evelyn M. (Sundnas)
Aug. 31	Anthony William Testa	Anthony V. and Cecile (Rameau)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Names of Parents</i>
Sept. 13	Sylvia Susan Phelps	Herbert L. and Sylvia (Sutela)
Sept. 20	Bill Otto Wilen	Toivo A. and Aili M. (Carlson)
Sept. 22	Paul Philip Hebert	Andrew and Marie (Mathieu)
Sept. 24	Kathleen Anne Barthel	Leon Paul and Dorothy P. (Andreasson)
Oct. 3	John Arnold Daly, Jr.	John A. and Lucille B. (LaRoche)
Oct. 10	Eileen Phyllis LeClair	Joseph A. and Leontina T. (Skorko)
Oct. 12	John Wayne Arcangeli	Albert and Marie (Robillard)
Nov. 1	Edward Thomas Cole	Leon E. and Elsie M. (Lehoux)
Nov. 12	Brock Arthur Newton	Edmund C. and Hildegard (Baker)
Nov. 13	Robert James Sparks	Norman and Helen (Pratt)
Nov. 14	John Howard Wenzel	Howard P. and Anne L. (Morgan)
Nov. 18	Rebecca Ann Hobbs	John K. and Phyllis H. (Evans)
Nov. 24	Joy Louise Goodwin	Clinton B., Jr. and Alice M. (Thompson)
Dec. 3	Arno Emerson Hurd	Roy E. and Ruth L. (Packard)
Dec. 7	David Ardy Kamila	Adolf and Lahja I. (Tuomi)
Dec. 7	Peter Joseph Moryl	Frank J. and Elizabeth (Tibbetts)
Dec. 13	Theresa Kuriger	Frederick H. and Theresa (Antonelli)
Dec. 17	Robert Earl Bourgeois	Harold R. and Rowena M. (Reed)
Dec. 17	Terry Lee Smith	William J. and Eileen M. (Ahearn)

DEATHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
Jan. 11	Edward Rice Miller	75	2	2
Jan. 24	Herman Hanninen	60	8	9
Jan. 31	Ella Chipman	91	4	18

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
Feb. 5	Charles Reynolds	53	5	4
Mar. 7	Joseph Boucher	57	6	29
April 9	Infant Dahm		Stillborn	
April 18	Peter Koski	62	10	8
April 22	Sigrid Hirvonen Niemi	65	5	15
May 3	Ernest J. Sawin	74	10	1
May 10	Richard Kamila	—	7	29
May 20	John Ferrara	—	4	7
May 31	Harry S. Cummings	57	6	14
June 18	Robert Nyholm	69	—	—
July 3	Melvin Bassett	92	10	22
July 6	Anna Maki	60	7	22
July 30	Heta Sievanen	70	9	—
Aug. 1	Walter H. Murdock	83	7	1
Sept. 17	Ronald Cafer	14	—	2
Sept. 21	Priscilla Mitchell	75	1	22
Sept. 27	Alice Ann LeBlanc	1	1	—
Oct. 10	Approx. — Josefina Tastula	64	2	20
Oct. 11	Andrew Hakala	Approx. 60	—	—
Nov. 1	Edward Thomas Cole		Stillborn	
Nov. 9	Lizzie Moltey Bancroft	76	11	22
Nov. 16	Elsie Mary Cole	26	3	14
Nov. 19	Annie Lizzie Wilson	80	3	23
Nov. 21	Paul Brunelle	5	—	—
Nov. 25	Violet Davis	42	7	30
Nov. 23	Ronald LaBlanc	2	5	—
Dec. 3	Clarence Geary Stowe	75	9	21
Dec. 11	Martha Kujanpaa	49	—	—

BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL

(NON-RESIDENTS)

<i>Date of Death 1947</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>
Jan. 7	Agnes (Smith) Lavers	Fitchburg	95	2	26
Feb. 14	Nellie E. Baker	Fitchburg	83	9	2
Feb. 20	Lowell J. G. Foster	Fitchburg	63	3	15
Feb. 26	Otto T. Forssell	Fitchburg	63	3	14
April 3	Armas A. Julku	Fitchburg	33	7	17

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>
May 24	Leon A. Whitney	Brooklyn, N. Y.	83	—	25
Aug. 6	Margaret Sanborn	North Adams	51	—	—
Sept. 6	Gladys L. Stanbridge	Deland, Florida	46	—	—
Sept. 19	Mary Lillian Fullerton	Bridgeport, Conn.	73	11	9
Oct. 1	Henry H. Knower	Templeton	65	8	22
Oct. 12	Lillian (Holden) Lombard	South Ashburnham	77	9	21
Oct. 26	Walter T. Berry	Leominster	76	7	3
Nov. 19	Charles L. Hodge, Sr.	Tampa, Florida	87	—	—
Nov. 30	Antti Julku	Fitchburg	62	6	12

MARRIAGES

<i>Date and Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
January 25 South Ashburnham	Roy E. Hurd Ruth L. Packard	Westminster Ashburnham
February 1 Fitchburg	Alexander M. Ferris, Jr. Norma E. Hines	Fitchburg Westminster
February 12 Fitchburg	Leo Joseph Barrett Shirley Mae Drown	Westminster Orange
February 15 Fitchburg	Frederic F. Sutela Mercy V. Celli	Westminster Fitchburg
March 30 Westminster	Richard W. Burnham Gladys M. Beven	Lowell Fitchburg
April 5 Gardner	Toivo K. Maki Flora P. Moore	Westminster Gardner
April 19 Fitchburg	Robert J. Boucher Constance C. Caron	Westminster Fitchburg
April 26 Gardner	Floyd T. Holmes Marguerite A. Arsenault	Westminster Gardner
April 26 New Bedford	Raymond L. Bois Marie G. Gallant	Westminster New Bedford

<i>Date and Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
April 26 Gardner	Ralph D. MacAloney Mildred E. (Nutting) Bolt	Westminster Gardner
May 3 Fitchburg	Kenneth R. Strom Barbara A. Rossner	Fitchburg Westminster
May 3 Gardner	Otto W. Hanninen Emma K. (Larm) Heino	Westminster Gardner
May 10 Fitchburg	Weikko W. Laikkanen Agnes C. Furlong	Westminster Fitchburg
May 17 Ashby	Walter R. Hardy Hilma M. Flinkstrom	Westminster Ashby
May 31 Fitchburg	Richard H. Conant Stefna C. Celona	Westminster Fitchburg
June 7 Otter River (Templeton)	Raefield M. Hicks Dorothy E. Welch	Westminster East Templeton
June 14 Keene, N. H.	Ralph A. Howard Selma E. Tiilikainen	Westminster Fitchburg
June 21 Walpole	Francis X. MacAulay Marguerite M. Connolly	Westminster Walpole
June 21 Westminster	Rudolph F. Hebert K. Elizabeth Foster	Leominster Westminster
June 28 Fitchburg	Philip J. Jean Jean M. Rowe	Fitchburg Westminster
August 7 Westminster	Chester J. Wronski Eleanor E. Appleton	Sterling Junction Leominster
August 8 Winchendon	Bruce L. Carpenter Helen R. LaBarge	Westminster Winchendon
August 14 Fitchburg	Klaus L. Braks Fannie L. (Riley) Ingerson	Westminster Westminster

<i>Date and Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
August 16 Westminster	Henry M. Marjomaa Bertha Minkkinen	Fitchburg Westminster
September 5 Westminster	George Jokelin Ruth (Pohlman) Young	Ramsey, N. J. Paterson, N. J.
September 6 Westminster	Robert A. Havener Vivian A. Cross	Westminster Westminster
September 15 Worcester	Robert J. Rahaim Alice R. LaFlamme	Westminster Worcester
October 4 Leominster	Herbert S. Gage Beverly E. Clifford	Westminster Leominster
October 11 Boston	Paul E. Area Dorothy M. (Whitney) LaLiberte	Westminster Westminster
October 13 Fitchburg	Charles A. Hodgman, Jr. Christine Abell	Westminster Fitchburg
November 1 Fitchburg	George I. Wallin Agnes Adams	Ashby Westminster
November 1 Westminster	Robert C. Mason Jane Woodward	Westminster Westminster
November 8 Boston	Edward J. Murphy Jean E. Wrigley	Worcester Westminster
December 24 Worcester	Onni W. Niemi Helena K. Lappi	Westminster Worcester

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1947

Licenses have been issued to the following persons: —

Aalto, Eino	\$2.00	Clarkson, Samuel F.	\$5.00
Aalto, Lempi	5.00	Codding, Arthur E.	2.00
Abar, E. J.	2.00	Cole, Leon E.	2.00
Aho, Lauri	2.00	Conant, Richard	2.00
Aho, Matti	2.00	Cossaboom, Janet L.	2.00
Andreasson, Selfred (3)	6.00	Cummings, Burt P.	2.00
Anttila, Henry	2.00	Czerwinski, Frank W.	2.00
Aubuchon, W. E.	2.00	Dahm, Maynard L.	2.00
Baker, Chester J.	2.00	Daily, Earl	2.00
Ball, Arnold	2.00	Daly, John	2.00
Ballou, Georgia	5.00	Dauphinais, Delia	2.00
Bancroft, Arthur	2.00	Davis, Harry	2.00
Barrett, Edward (2)	4.00	Dewey, Martin	2.00
Baum, Russell P.	2.00	Dube, Jeffrey	2.00
Beers, Raymond P.	2.00	Dugan, Mary	2.00
Benham, Creighton	2.00	Dunn, Helen	2.00
Bennett, Sr., Wm. (2)	7.00	Earle, Minnie E.	5.00
Bernhardt, Carl E.	2.00	Elola, John	2.00
Bilson, Kirwan J.	2.00	Engman, George A.	2.00
Blais, Mrs. Julian J.	2.00	Erickson, Fred	5.00
Bois, Arthur	2.00	Eskeli, Eugene O.	2.00
Bonnallie, Everett	2.00	Fagerstrom, Henry	2.00
Boucher, Joseph	2.00	Fenno, Margaret	2.00
Boucher, Robert	2.00	Fenno, Reuben	2.00
Boudreau, Jos. A.	2.00	Ferris, Norma	2.00
Brackett, Wilfred	5.00	Fontaine, Arthur J.	2.00
Bradford, Wentworth	2.00	Fontaine, Benjamin	2.00
Braks, Leonard	2.00	Forsell, Waino	2.00
Breau, Alfred	2.00	French, Alan	2.00
Brooks, Henry A.	2.00	French, Marshall	2.00
Cafer, Paul	2.00	Friberg, Edith	2.00
Cairns, H. E.	2.00	Gallant, Delphin	2.00
Campbell, Mary Lee	2.00	Gebo, Frederick	2.00
Cannon, Edward (2)	4.00	Gilman, Richard W.	2.00
Caron, Raymond	2.00	Grahm, Donald	2.00
Chalmers, Thomas	2.00	Graves, J. C.	2.00
Clark, Wilton	2.00	Greenough, Clyde L.	5.00

Greenwood, Lois	\$2.00	Karkkainen, Antti	\$2.00
Hakkila, Aileen	2.00	Keating, John	2.00
Hancock, Melvin (2)	4.00	Kelley, Gordon	2.00
Handlin, Beverly	2.00	Kelty, Lester J.	2.00
Hanks, Elmina	2.00	Kemp, Parker	2.00
Happonen, Alisa (2)	4.00	Kennedy, Harold	2.00
Harju, Helena	2.00	Keskinen, Henry	5.00
Harrington, Chester A.	2.00	Klemetti, K. Ilmari	2.00
Harrington, Francis	2.00	Kinnari, Ida	2.00
Hebert, Andrew P.	2.00	Knight, George	2.00
Heikkila, Eino A.	2.00	Kotoski, Boleslaw	2.00
Heino, John (2)	4.00	Kujanpaa, Paul	2.00
Heins, Jr., Wm. R.	2.00	Kulkkula, Eleanor	2.00
Henstridge, George	2.00	Kurikka, Eino (2)	4.00
Hermes, Nisha M.	2.00	LaBossiere, Walter	2.00
Herold, Minnie H.	2.00	LaFleur, Albert	2.00
Herold, Roger W.	2.00	Lahikainen, Otto	2.00
Hines, Everett	2.00	Lahtinen, Ahti	5.00
Hintala, Aino	2.00	Lahtinen, Charles	2.00
Hintala, Loretta	5.00	Lahtinen, Uuno	2.00
Hirvonen,		Lahtinen, Vesta	2.00
Norman G. (2)	10.00	Laine, John	2.00
Hitchcock, Edward W.	2.00	Laitinen, Arma	2.00
Holm, Carl A.	2.00	Laitinen, Matti	2.00
Holm, Carl F.	2.00	Lanoue, Wilfred	2.00
Holmes, Allan E.	2.00	Lanson, Beverly	2.00
Honkala, Oiva		Larson, M.	2.00
Hooper, Bernice E.	2.00	Laughton, Dugal	2.00
Howard, John	5.00	Laughton,	
Howard, Stanley (2)	10.00	Elizabeth Ann	2.00
Hurme, Arnold E.	2.00	Laughton, Helen	2.00
Hutchinson, Bertha	2.00	Laukkanen, Linda	2.00
Huusari, Andrew	2.00	Lawrence, Eric	2.00
Innerasky, Herbert	2.00	Leavenworth, Edwin (2)	7.00
Innis, Lois F.	2.00	Leavenworth, Gordon A.	2.00
Jaaskelainen, Herman	2.00	Leavenworth, Gordon F.	2.00
Jamsa, Wm. (2)	4.00	LeClair, Jos. A.	5.00
Janhunon, Otto	2.00	LeClair, Margaret	2.00
Jarvenpaa, Eino	2.00	LeClair, Ronald G.	2.00
Jenkins, Wm.	2.00	L'Ecuier, Herman	5.00
Johnson, Harold	2.00	Laeger, Real J. (2)	7.00
Johnson, Raymond	2.00	Lehtinen, Oscar	2.00
Kahkola, Eli P.	2.00	Lehto, Ilmi	2.00
Kamila, Adolf	2.00	Leighton, Elmer	2.00
Karjalainen, Veikko	5.00	Lepore, Joseph	2.00

Liimitainen, Walter	\$2.00	Oja, Frank	\$2.00
Lileus, Walter	2.00	Ojala, Jacob E.	2.00
Lindquist, Carl N.	2.00	O'Neill, John M.	2.00
Lindroth, Leonard	2.00	Owen, Ralph	2.00
Lindroth, Mildred	2.00	Owler, Robert N.	5.00
Lindstrom, Eskil A. (2)	4.00	Page, Audrey, Francis and Helen	2.00
Loughlin, Anna	2.00	Page, Lawrence J.	2.00
Lucander, Vilho (2)	4.00	Parnanen, Waino	2.00
Luke, Gladys	2.00	Patriquin, Nancy	2.00
Luomala, John	2.00	Percy, Laura D.	2.00
MacAloney, Cora	2.00	Peterson, Arthur	2.00
MacAloney, Wm. B.	2.00	Peterson, Onni	2.00
Maki, Kusti	5.00	Phillips, Norman	2.00
Mannila, Onni	2.00	Pienimaa, Kalle	5.00
Mansur, Edith U. (3)	6.00	Pipping, Mrs. Paul O.	2.00
Marien, Philip	2.00	Poikonen, Alan	2.00
Mattila, Martha	2.00	Prouty, Allen	2.00
Mattson, Wm. (2)	4.00	Raita, Aaro	2.00
May, Robert	2.00	Rameau, Arthur	2.00
May, Wilson	2.00	Rameau, Samuel	2.00
McAdams, Jr., Leon H. (2)	4.00	Rameau, Wm.	2.00
McConlogue, Patricia	2.00	Rautaruusu, Jonko	2.00
Merriam, Jr., Arthur	2.00	Reed, Earl	2.00
Merriam, Helen	2.00	Remse, Arthur	2.00
Meuer, Annetta	2.00	Rice, Nancy	2.00
Minkkinen, Otto	2.00	Robillard, Walter U.	2.00
Morse, Leone M. (2)	4.00	Robins, Arthur	2.00
Morse, Patricia	2.00	Rogers, Arthur B.	2.00
Moryl, Sr., Frank	2.00	Roiha, Maria	2.00
Muhonen, Harold	2.00	Roper, Clarence G. (2)	4.00
Murdock, Warren J.	2.00	Rowe, Chester	2.00
Nappila, Violet	2.00	Russ, Lucie	2.00
Nash, Geo. O. (3)	6.00	Russell, Shirley	2.00
Nelson, Edith	2.00	Ruuska, Edwin	5.00
Nelson, Jesse	5.00	Ryan, Helen R. (2)	7.00
Newcomb, Douglas P.	2.00	Sakkinen, Herman (2)	7.00
Nichols, Phyllis	2.00	Salo, Andrew	2.00
Niemi, Adam	2.00	Salo, Eino	2.00
Niemi, Kasper	2.00	Sanford, Roland K.	2.00
Niemi, Vaito	2.00	Santaviita, Walter	2.00
Nitsche, Geo. E.	5.00	Sargent, Ann	2.00
Noel, Exzelia	2.00	Savola, Aarne	2.00
Noel, St. Denis	2.00	Schreiber, Herbert	2.00
Nygard, Gail (2)	7.00	Seaver, Roella	2.00

Sellman, Toivo	2.00	Tuuri, Emmi	2.00
Semenuk, Walter (2)	4.00	Vieweg, Bertha	2.00
Shay, William A.	2.00	Vieweg, Freddie	2.00
Shepard, Beatrice L.	2.00	Viita, Hanna	5.00
Silvonon, Hjalmar	2.00	Wainonen, Toivo	2.00
Skidmore, Herbert I.	5.00	Walker, Elyn P.	5.00
Slocumb, Bernard R.	2.00	Walkonen, Oiva	2.00
Smith, Ernest E.	2.00	Wartiainen, Peter	2.00
Smith, Harriet	2.00	Waltanen, Henry	2.00
Smith, Howard I.	2.00	Walton, Dorothy	2.00
Smith, Mary	2.00	Waronen, Allan	2.00
Smith, Paul F.	2.00	Wasara, Reino	2.00
Soini, Waino	2.00	Watkins, Charline (2)	4.00
St. John, Walter	2.00	Westerfors, Eric	2.00
Stockwell, Wm. B.	2.00	Whitcomb, Waldo	2.00
Streeter, Carrie	2.00	Wiggins, Frank A.	2.00
Streeter, Elmer	2.00	Wiinikainen, Waino	2.00
Strom, Harold	2.00	Wilen, Anselm (2)	4.00
Sunne, Edna	2.00	Williams, John	2.00
Sunne, Walter	2.00	Wilson, Ernest	2.00
Suomela, Michael	2.00	Wilson, Hugo	2.00
Sutela, Eino E.	2.00	Winchenbach, Alton J.	2.00
Swift, S. Robert	2.00	Winter, Eino	2.00
Tandy, W. Arthur	2.00	Wintturi, Wm.	2.00
Tappin, Clarence W.	2.00	Wiswell, Geo. F.	2.00
Thomas, June	2.00	Wolski, Henry C.	2.00
Trudel, Antonio	2.00	Wright, James	2.00
Tuomi, Axel	2.00	Wuth, Ethel	2.00
Tuominen, Toivo	2.00	Young, Lois M.	2.00
Turner, Corinne	2.00		

Kennel licenses issued to the following: —

Grenier, Albert J.	10.00
Kowalewski, Jeannette B.	50.00
Nash, George O.	25.00
Salo, Lennard	10.00
Total	\$872.00
Clerk's Fees	68.60

Amount Paid to Town Treasurer to December 31, 1947 \$803.40

Transfer license issued to W. Arthur Tandy.

Free license issued to Persons serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, Raymond Hakkila.

ESTHER H. HICKS
Town Clerk

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31st, 1947

Cash on hand January 1st, 1947	\$ 31,714.67
Received from Tax Collector 1945-46 Taxes	8,154.15
Received from Tax Collector 1947 Taxes	82,936.15
Received from Tax Collector 1946 Motor Excise	149.68
Received from Tax Collector 1947 Motor Excise	3,998.88
Commonwealth of Massachusetts in Lieu of Taxes	15.40
City of Fitchburg, Mass., Direct Taxes	1,166.00
Interest on Overdue Taxes and Tax Titles	261.68
Demands	28.70
Income on Wyman Water Fund	220.00
Income on Library Funds	212.14

TRANSFERS FROM TRUST FUNDS

Frederick W. Smith Worthy Poor Fund	406.00
Joseph Hager School Fund	200.00
Upton School Fund	400.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	199.00
Taxes Withheld on Salaries and Wages	3,826.23
All Other Receipts as shown on the Report of the Town Accountant	107,386.26

Total 1947 Receipts	\$241,274.94
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Expended on Warrants approved by the Selectmen	\$189,700.07
Cash on hand December 31st, 1947	51,574.87
	<hr/> \$241,274.94 <hr/>

NOTES PAYABLE

Schoolhouse Notes	\$ 10,500.00
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TRUST FUNDS

JOSEPH HAGER SCHOOL FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 5,963.67
Gardner Savings Bank	4,000.00
Leominster Savings Bank	2,000.00
Worcester North Savings Institution	2,500.00
	<hr/> \$ 14,463.67
Principal, \$14,455.74	

PRESTON P. ELLIS SCHOOL FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 342.35	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	500.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 842.35
Principal, \$831.50		

FREDERICK W. SMITH POOR FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 5,313.39	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Gardner Savings Bank	5,821.60	
Athol Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Leominster Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	6,851.00	
Worcester County Institution for Savings	3,000.00	
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	3,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 35,985.99
Principal, \$35,789.00		

MILTON A. CREED CEMETERY WALL FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 1,310.69	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,310.69
Principal, \$1,297.69		

CHARLES R. DUTTON SCHOOL FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 927.73	
	<hr/>	\$ 927.73
Principal, \$918.53		

DANIEL SANDERS CEMETERY FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 2,260.21	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,260.21
Principal, \$2,232.35		

JOSEPH R. BARRELL CEMETERY FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 2,042.40	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	379.77	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,422.17
Principal, \$2,392.99		

ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 56.65	
	<hr/>	\$ 56.65
Principal, \$51.40		

WYMAN WATER FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 4,500.00	
Gardner Savings Bank	3,500.00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	7,000.00	
		\$ 15,000.00
Principal, \$15,000.00		

JOSEPH W. FORBUSH POOR FUND

Worcester North Savings Institution	\$ 3,891.57	
		\$ 3,891.57
Principal, \$3,833.85		

UPTON SCHOOL FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 612.63	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	694.83	
Orange Savings Bank	541.20	
Peoples Savings Bank, Worcester	1,000.00	
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	1,000.00	
Gardner Trust Company	2,914.37	
Worcester County Institution for Savings	1,100.00	
25 Shares Pullman Inc. (Market)	1,325.00	
28 Shares American Tel. and Tel. Co. (Market)	4,214.00	
		\$ 13,402.03
Principal, \$13,360.70		

POST-WAR REHABILITATION FUND

United States Series G Savings Bonds	\$10,000.00	
Gardner Savings Bank	2,898.82	
Worcester North Savings Institution	2,595.15	
Gardner Trust Company	503.54	
		\$ 15,997.51
Principal, \$15,000.00		

FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUNDS

Sarah M. Barnes Fund		
Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 200.00	
Adelaide Warner Berry Fund		
Gardner Savings Bank	100.00	
Lucy J. Childs Fund		
Fitchburg Savings Bank	150.00	
Preston P. Ellis Fund		
Fitchburg Savings Bank	500.00	

Mary A. Farnsworth Fund	
Leominster Savings Bank	525.00
Charles A. Forbush Fund	
Leominster Savings Bank	500.00
Joseph W. Forbush Fund	
Athol Savings Bank	1,000.00
Henrietta M. Gates Fund	
Gardner Trust Company	3,499.27
Arabella R. Hager Fund	
Gardner Savings Bank	600.00
Manson D. Hawes Fund	
Winchendon Savings Bank	1,000.00
George A. Miller Fund	
Worcester North Savings Institution	1,901.16
Daniel W. Sanders Fund	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	2,000.00
Town of Westminster Fund	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	1,800.00
Fred S. Whitman Fund	
Gardner Savings Bank	300.00
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	\$ 14,075.43

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS

December 31st, 1947

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1947</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1947</i>
Frederick Allen	\$ 152.36	\$ 3.05	\$ 1.00	\$ 154.41
Lyman Allen	154.13	3.09	1.50	155.72
George H. Adams (New)	150.00	.19	—	150.19
Edward Bacon	123.14	1.22	1.00	123.36
Albert A. Baker	100.43	1.00	—	101.43
Calvin Baker	63.07	.94	—	64.01
Charles F. Baker	50.99	.76	—	51.75
Eber and Eunice Baker	112.53	2.25	1.00	113.78
Eliza Baker	138.15	2.08	1.50	138.73
Ellen L. Baker	108.52	2.17	1.00	109.69
George C. Baker	75.57	.74	—	76.31
Ballou and Goodfellow	102.31	1.54	1.00	102.85
Sarah M. Barnes	104.36	1.04	—	105.40
Joseph Barrell	168.91	2.54	1.00	170.45
William B. Barron	115.15	1.73	1.00	115.88
Barrows and Griffin	107.59	1.61	1.00	108.20
Hattie W. Bartow	51.20	.50	—	51.70
Alfred Battles	101.80	1.01	—	102.81
Benjamin Battles	109.55	1.65	1.00	110.20
George A. Battles	108.68	1.63	—	110.31
Ruth Peckham Beaman	52.62	.79	—	53.41

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1947</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1947</i>
John Bean	50.56	.76	—	51.32
Laura J. Bean	113.79	1.71	1.00	114.50
William H. Benjamin	125.68	1.25	1.00	125.93
Adelaide W. Berry	100.38	1.00	—	101.38
Bernice Flint Berry	208.75	2.08	1.00	209.83
Benson, Bigelow	110.86	2.21	1.00	112.07
Francis B. Bigelow	101.83	2.03	1.00	102.86
William J. and Harry W. Black	105.09	2.11	1.00	106.20
Alonzo D. Bolton	116.43	2.33	1.00	117.76
A. Jackson Bolton	101.65	1.01	—	102.66
Franklin E. Bolton	107.15	1.06	—	108.21
Simeon Bolton and Elizabeth Whitney	107.24	1.61	—	108.85
Melissa J. Borey	52.89	.53	—	53.42
Stillman, Edward and Alfred Brooks	224.18	2.24	1.00	225.42
John Brown	124.26	2.49	1.00	125.75
Timothy Brown	112.28	1.12	—	113.40
James and George W. Bruce	119.46	1.79	1.00	120.25
Edwin L. Burnham	102.86	1.02	—	103.88
Viola N. Burpee	80.43	2.43	—	82.86
Joseph Carpenter	79.56	1.59	1.00	80.15
George W. Carr	118.33	1.78	—	120.11
Carter, Merriam and Hanaford	166.86	2.51	1.00	168.37
William H. Carter	102.89	1.02	—	103.91

Lillie J. Chase	51.43	1.02	1.00	51.45
Lucy J. Childs	220.52	3.32	1.50	222.34
Hattie M. and Flora Clark	109.19	1.65	—	110.84
Coleman and Derby	176.90	3.54	2.00	178.44
Levi Cook	101.48	1.00	—	102.48
Sarah M. Cowee	145.73	2.92	2.00	146.65
Louise M. Crouch	100.00	1.50	—	101.50
Alonzo and Frank A. Curtis	209.67	3.15	1.50	211.32
Jonas Cutler	109.35	2.19	1.00	110.54
Henry H. Daisy	112.50	2.25	1.00	113.75
George M. Davis	102.97	1.54	—	104.51
Horace E. Davis	103.02	1.54	—	104.56
Charles B. Dawley	103.82	2.07	2.00	103.89
Walter Derby	102.38	1.02	.50	102.90
Sarah E. Drury	154.77	3.10	2.00	155.87
Charles H. and Mary Dupee	242.23	4.86	2.00	245.09
Alfred R. Durling	111.97	1.12	.50	112.59
Augustus Eager	102.15	1.02	—	103.17
Horatio Eager	100.44	1.00	—	101.44
Frank Eaton	105.32	2.11	1.00	106.43
Lura B. Eaton	113.58	1.70	1.00	114.28
Mary W. Eaton	51.94	.51	—	52.45
Marshall Eaton	153.89	3.08	2.00	154.97
Nathan Eaton, Jr.	102.04	2.05	1.00	103.09
Stillman Eaton	153.10	3.07	2.00	154.17
William Eaton	167.17	3.35	2.00	168.52
Flora E. Elliott	50.79	.50	—	51.29
Preston P. Ellis	188.53	2.83	1.00	190.36
Napoleon B. Emerton	100.47	1.00	1.00	100.47

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1947</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1947</i>
Edward C. Estabrook	57.21	.86	—	58.07
Joseph W. Estabrook	52.26	1.57	—	53.83
Oliver Estey	126.72	1.26	—	127.98
Mary A. Farnsworth	57.16	1.75	—	59.91
Edgar E. Fenno	205.20	3.09	1.50	206.79
Frank W. Fenno	160.01	3.21	1.00	162.22
Franklin B. Fenno	102.63	2.05	1.00	103.68
Thaddeus B. Fenno	106.87	2.13	1.00	108.00
Otis Flagg	105.66	2.11	1.00	106.77
Charles A. Forbush	140.14	2.81	2.00	140.95
Joseph W. Forbush	260.81	5.23	2.00	264.04
Sarah A. Foscett	56.39	—	—	56.39
Judson Foster	206.04	4.14	2.00	208.18
Royal L. Frye	101.63	1.53	1.00	102.16
Helen Gates	66.24	1.00	—	67.24
Leonard Gates	103.40	2.07	1.00	104.47
Thomas Gaut	52.93	.52	—	53.45
Charles F. Giles	202.01	4.06	1.50	204.57
John C. Goodridge	160.36	1.61	1.00	160.97
Goodridge and Rice	101.16	1.00	—	102.16
Goss and Sanborn	102.05	2.05	1.00	103.10
Robert Greene	103.39	3.12	—	106.51
Carlos Griffin	209.99	4.21	2.00	212.20

Laura Hadley	104.08	1.56	1.00	104.64
Elijah Hager	96.60	2.91	—	99.51
George W. Hager	88.06	2.65	—	90.71
Joseph Hager	444.92	4.46	2.00	447.38
George S. and Andrew C. Ham	241.53	3.63	1.00	244.16
Hans and Marie A. K. Hansen	106.83	2.13	1.00	107.96
Harrington and Wheeler	54.14	1.63	—	55.77
Harris and Barnes	103.24	1.02	—	104.26
Leander Hartwell	53.32	1.60	—	54.92
Arthur Hay	240.72	3.62	1.00	243.34
George N. Haynes	107.83	1.07	—	108.90
Healy and Dalrymple	51.27	.50	—	51.77
Oswald and Minnie Herold	100.50	1.51	—	102.01
Carrie E. Hicks	52.82	1.05	.50	53.37
David W. Hill	238.33	2.38	1.00	239.71
Asa Holden	101.18	2.03	1.00	102.21
Holden and Eames	174.70	3.50	1.50	176.70
Jonas Holden	52.21	1.57	—	53.78
Rufus Holmes	106.46	2.13	1.00	107.59
Mary E. Hood	141.50	4.27	1.00	144.77
Joseph Howard	168.32	3.38	2.00	169.70
Nathan Howard	181.73	1.81	1.00	182.54
Nellie Howard	52.26	1.57	—	53.83
Daniel Howe	215.06	3.23	1.00	217.29
Daniel E. Hurd	82.51	2.49	—	85.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ingram	104.06	1.56	—	105.62
Levi and Jane Jackson	138.67	1.38	—	140.05
Lester D. Jillson	102.57	3.09	—	105.66
John Johnson	105.60	1.59	—	107.19

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1946</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1947</i>
Andrew A. Karkainen	101.01	1.52	—	102.53
Bartholomew Kely	100.80	1.00	—	101.80
Edward F. and Ezekiel Kendall	474.25	4.75	2.00	477.00
Edward S. and Mary Kendall	106.55	1.06	—	107.61
George S. Kendall	107.00	1.60	1.00	107.60
Horace and Charles F. Knower	150.00	2.26	—	152.26
Stephen F. Lamb	117.85	1.17	—	119.02
Mary E. Lantz-Taylor	110.30	1.66	1.00	110.96
Learned and Goodnow	102.63	1.02	—	103.65
Otto A. Leino	101.13	1.52	.50	102.15
Hollis J. Leland	51.16	.52	—	51.68
Nelson Lewis	104.36	1.04	—	105.40
Philip H. Loughlin	107.59	1.07	1.00	107.66
Henry Lucas	102.69	1.54	—	104.23
Edward B. and Florence A. Lynde	206.47	4.14	2.00	208.61
Chester, John, and Lucy K. Lynde	269.24	4.05	1.50	271.79
Cora MacDonald	101.55	1.01	—	102.56
Richard Mansur	215.55	2.15	1.00	216.70
Julia L. Marshall	105.45	1.04	—	106.49
William Mayo	207.90	3.12	2.00	209.02
Rev. W. C. McAllester	101.32	1.53	1.00	101.85
Artemas Merriam	170.81	3.42	2.00	172.23
Francis Merriam	107.21	1.06	—	108.27

Frank A. Merriam	104.05	2.09	1.00	105.14
Oliver M. Merriam	115.73	3.49	—	119.22
Read Merriam	105.05	1.04	—	106.09
Thomas Merriam	115.78	1.15	—	116.93
Daniel C. Miles	102.84	1.54	1.00	103.38
Miles and Puffer	60.16	—	—	60.16
Frank E. and Ida A. Miller	103.21	2.07	1.00	104.28
George H. and Cyrus T. Miller	210.05	2.10	1.00	211.15
James W. Miller	125.57	1.25	1.00	125.82
John C. Miller	118.95	1.18	—	120.13
Jonas Miller	306.31	3.06	2.00	307.37
Joseph and Emily Miller	204.31	2.04	1.00	205.35
Sylvester Miller	206.45	3.11	1.00	208.56
Fannie E. Minott	119.78	1.79	—	121.57
John and Mary Hardy Minott	105.76	2.11	1.00	106.87
Joseph Minott	121.66	3.67	—	125.33
George A. Mirick	535.77	5.36	2.00	539.13
Farwell Morse	106.59	3.21	—	109.80
Merrill E. Morse	103.52	3.12	—	106.64
Windsor F. Neal	101.96	1.01	—	102.97
Carl E. Nichols	106.19	1.60	1.00	106.79
Charles Nichols	217.35	2.17	1.00	218.52
Frederick Nichols	102.59	1.02	—	103.61
Lyman Nichols and Henry White	107.17	2.15	1.00	108.32
Emma Nygard	100.93	1.51	.50	101.94
Bert Ober	212.78	4.26	1.00	216.04
Porter Page	286.80	5.75	2.00	290.55
Roy E. Parker	200.00	3.01	—	203.01
Partridge, Seaver and Hartwell	154.50	3.10	1.00	156.60

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1947</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1947</i>
Horatio Peckham	56.00	.56	—	56.56
Harrison Perkins	61.11	.92	—	62.03
Georgette Newell Pickering	155.81	1.55	—	157.36
Elisha Pierce	349.72	7.02	2.00	354.74
Samuel and Josiah Puffer	106.38	1.06	—	107.44
Rev. Stephen Puffer	69.82	2.10	—	71.92
Hiram Ray	130.94	2.62	1.00	132.56
Ivers Ray	133.70	4.04	—	137.74
Abijah H. Raymond	107.22	1.06	1.00	107.28
Hobart Raymond	261.75	3.93	1.50	264.18
William S. Rice	102.30	1.02	—	103.32
William D. Ryder	101.88	1.01	—	102.89
George M. Rose	128.69	2.57	1.00	130.26
Charles Sakkinen	162.14	4.90	—	167.04
J. W. C. Sargent	216.68	4.34	2.00	219.02
Amos Saunders	109.31	1.08	—	110.39
Otis Sawin	251.36	3.78	1.00	254.14
Sanford Sawyer	109.21	3.30	—	112.51
Silas Seaver and George C. Baker	81.90	1.23	—	83.13
Charles A. Simonds	113.15	1.71	1.00	113.86
Charles H. Smith	541.40	3.09	1.50	555.99
Forest Smith	150.12	1.50	—	151.62
Grace G. Smith	100.00	.75	—	100.75

Sarah B. Smith	51.97	1.56	—	53.53
Spaulding and Rugg	269.95	5.41	2.00	273.36
Samuel H. Sprague	101.98	1.53	1.00	102.51
Sarah H. Stearns	131.65	2.63	1.00	133.28
Peter Taylor	101.39	1.53	—	102.92
George C. Upton	1,137.34	17.12	9.50	1,144.96
Clarence S. Viner	100.00	1.50	—	101.50
Joseph L. Walton	51.32	.51	—	51.83
Abigail E. Ware	279.56	4.20	1.50	282.26
Emory Warner	164.08	3.29	1.00	166.37
Lina W. Wetherby	105.33	1.05	—	106.38
Delia Wheeler	59.40	.58	—	59.98
Whipple and Hackett	129.25	2.59	1.00	130.84
Augustine Whitney	103.73	2.07	1.00	104.80
Whitman and Whitney	540.46	10.85	5.00	546.31
Aaron Whitney	105.31	2.11	1.00	106.42
Calvin Whitney and Lula Canham	105.20	2.11	1.00	106.31
John Whitney	136.40	2.05	1.00	137.45
Malcom R. Whitney	103.34	1.02	—	104.36
Stillman Whitney	111.70	1.67	1.00	112.37
Warren A. Whitney	113.67	1.71	1.00	114.38
Aaron Wood	102.85	2.05	1.00	103.90
Charles P. and Theodore S. Wood	107.30	1.07	—	108.37
Joseph Woodbury	109.92	1.09	—	111.01
Benjamin Wyman	234.26	3.53	1.50	236.29
David Wyman	50.12	.50	—	50.62

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Concluded

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1947</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1947</i>
Harrison Wyman	50.12	.50	—	50.62
Sophie L. Wyman	156.09	3.13	1.00	158.22
Fidelia Sawin Young	52.65	1.58	—	54.23
	<u>\$31,148.66</u>	<u>\$493.81</u>	<u>\$165.00</u>	<u>\$31,477.47</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JUDSON R. FOSTER
Town Treasurer

HAGER PARK TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1947

We have managed to get 25 Cords of wood cut in the east part of the lot. Some were blown over and a lot more could be worked out.

We cut and trimmed out, by the hour, 5 Cords or more. This wood was drawn out to the road-side by the Town Tractor. 2 Cords were sawed and delivered to the Library, $2\frac{1}{2}$ Cords to Legion Hall, and 10 Cords to the Town Hall. Received \$216.00 and turned same over to Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. ADAMS
NATHAN D. HOWARD
Hager Park Trustees

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

For the Year 1947

We herewith submit our report for the year ending December 31, 1947:

During the year there were eleven cases covering aid to twenty-eight persons as follows:

One minor boarded in foster home.

One dependent at Charlton Home Farm.

Twenty-six single persons were either boarded out or aided in their own homes.

Of the above cases, six have a Westminster settlement, two are unsettled and will be reimbursed by the State, one case reimbursed by the town of Holden, one case reimbursed by the city of Gardner, and one is under the Aid to Dependent Children Law.

Two persons with Westminster settlement are being aided in other towns.

Respectfully submitted,

VANCE L. BUTTERFIELD

ALFRED P. JONES

EVA E. COOMBS

Board of Public Welfare

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Westminster:

The Bureau of Old Age Assistance submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

At the beginning of the year there were twenty-two persons receiving Old Age Assistance.

During the year six cases were added and four cases were closed.

Once during the year the state budget was changed, which required each case to be rebudgeted. It is also required that each case be visited twice during the year.

At the end of the year twenty-four persons were receiving Old Age Assistance with the following settlements. Westminster fourteen, Gardner one, Fitchburg two, Medford one, Lynn two and the State four.

Two persons with Westminster settlement are being aided in other towns.

Respectfully submitted,

VANCE L. BUTTERFIELD
ALFRED P. JONES
EVA E. COOMBS
Bureau of Old Age Assistance

ASSESSORS' REPORT

For the Year 1947

The following figures relate to the Property and Poll Taxes as assessed January 1 1947.

Value of Assessed Personal Estate	1946	1947
Stock in Trade	\$ 11,850.00	\$ 10,650.00
Machinery	205,178.08	218,660.00
Livestock	68,128.30	69,003.75
Other Tangibles	26,980.00	33,350.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate:		
Land	402,365.00	418,255.00
Buildings	1,265,255.00	1,318,335.00
Total Value of Assessed Property	1,979,756.38	2,068,253.75
Tax Rate per \$1,000.00	\$37.70	\$44.00
Taxes for State, County and Town Purposes:		
On Real Estate	\$ 62,869.27	\$ 76,409.96
On Personal	11,767.54	14,593.21
On Polls	1,352.00	1,362.00
Total Taxes to be raised	\$ 75,988.81	\$ 92,365.17
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed	830	951
Total Assessed Value	\$ 93,583.00	\$ 161,970.00
Total Excise Tax	2,785.85	\$ 4,385.79
Excise Rate per \$1,000.00	35.40	36.23
Other Statistics		
Number of Polls Assessed	676	681
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	18,901	19,047
Number of Houses Assessed	522	572
Number of Camps Assessed:	293	297

Number of livestock assessed:

Cows	433	459
Young Stock	111	105
Horses	56	63
Swine	603	609
Fowl	42,800	23,535
Sheep	19	17
All Others	16	17

Abatements:

Real Estate	366.65	621.50
Personal	7.78	29.70
Motor Vehicles	37.30	130.83
Men in Service	190.00	234.00
Men Over 70 Years	106.00	94.00
All Others	12.00	22.00

ELMER E. LUOMA, *Chairman*

V. B. WHITNEY

A. E. GATES

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES BY THE
BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR 1947

Appropriation voted at March 1, 1947 Town Meeting	\$825.00
Wages of Clerk	\$133.05
Abstracts and Title	189.99
Equipment (Safe)	258.50
Telephone	26.91
Assessors Association Dues	6.00
Expenses for Attendance at Assessors Meetings	22.55
Supplies, Postage and Miscellaneous	88.53
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	\$725.53
Balance of Appropriation Unexpended	<hr/>
	\$ 99.47

ELMER E. LUOMA

Chairman

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1947

DIRECTORY OF WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Guy Cossaboom, <i>Chairman</i>	Term Expires 1949
Mrs. J. Philip Howard, <i>Secretary</i>	Term Expires 1950
Mr. Elmer Luoma	Term Expires 1948

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS	Laurence A. Fogg
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SCHOOL PHYSICIAN	Bernice Perkins Shepard M.D.
SCHOOL NURSE	Helen T. McKowen, R.N.
SUPERVISOR OF ART	Miss Sara Gelardi
SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC	Mrs. Priscilla Mansur
SUPERVISOR OF PENMANSHIP	W. L. Rinehart

FACULTY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Degrees Held</i>	<i>Years Experience</i>
Otis T. Jason	Principal	2	10
	Math and Latin		
Catherine A. Sullivan	Junior High	1	21
	Departmental		
Josephine Meloon	Junior High		
	Departmental	1	2
Mary B. Smith	Grade Six	1	18
Bernice Rowe Hemmi	Grade Five	0	4
Gladys L. Towle	Grade Four	0	21
Helen Parker Kendall	Grade Three	0	7
Carrie I. Estabrook	Grade Two	0	37
Doris Fenno	Grade One	0	27
Edna L'Ecuyer	Grade One	1	2

Fred Goodridge—School Custodian

To the School Committee and Citizens of Westminster:

I submit herewith my fifth annual report as your superintendent of schools, it being the fifty-seventh in the history of this school union.

OUR NATIONAL NEED

Someone has said that people can be divided into three groups; one, those who make things happen; two, those who have things happen to them; three, those who don't know what's happening.

If this is true, the job of education is to increase and guide the first group, and to shrink the size of the third group, so that what happens to those in the second group will take them in the right direction.

Only education made democracy possible and workable in the United States. At no other time in history, and in no other place in the world, have as many as 140 million people governed themselves as completely, as harmoniously, and as progressively, as we do here in the United States.

However, it is clear to all of us that the third group mentioned above—the people who don't know what's happening—has enlarged again. It has swollen in numbers because of new technological knowledge that we do not know how to handle politically, economically, socially, or morally. It has swollen in numbers because ideas conflicting with our democratic ideas are being hurled at us by nations with other concepts. Overnight, it seems, the areas of ignorance for the average person have taken on gigantic proportions. Never have we needed the full functioning of our educational system as we need it now. Never have we needed so much to give our children not only the tools and skills to acquire knowledge, but the ability for straight thinking in social, political, and economic fields.

OUR LOCAL NEED

As we attempt to look ahead it becomes increasingly apparent that changes will have to be made in connection with housing our growing school population. This is apparent without even taking into consideration the growth in population that Westminster will undoubtedly have during the next five years. If Westminster makes the growth that it well may, our housing situation could become critical.

Present school census figures reveal that we shall have large grade one entering classes for the predictable future. A few families

moving into town with children of elementary school age would really present a problem in the lower grades. Present figures show the following in connection with size of our entering grades:

September, 1948	42
September, 1949	40
September, 1950	33
September, 1951	26
September, 1952	44
September, 1953	45 plus

Some people will say that the above figures will fall off due to moving away, etc. I believe that the figures are more apt to increase, than decrease. Time will answer the question. However, this is definitely true: we cannot house our coming second grades in the small second grade room. Our fourth grades will soon be so large that the room will not suffice. We can improvise for a time by changing grade rooms in the Upton Building and by bringing a grade or grades over to the Loughlin Building. However, if the town grows to any extent, Westminster must plan for school building expansion.

OUR PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

It might be well, by way of emphasis and review, to state our philosophy of education in a brief statement. We believe that our teachers are trying to put it into effect in their daily practices.

"The prime duty of education is to assist to the fullest the SELF-REALIZATION of the INDIVIDUAL within a social setting, so that the child will understand HIMSELF, his physical environment, and his social environment. The child reacts to subject matter, to teachers, to physical plant of the school. to disciplinary experiences. An acceptable philosophy must have restrictions that are well understood, with some freedom of choice, and must be founded upon the concept that every human being, while having much in common with the race, is still an individual and separate entity, having ideals, ideas, emotions and beliefs that are of HIMSELF, and which he strives as best he can to achieve".

A BALANCE SHEET

The Westminster School Department gives the following to your children:

The Westminster School Department asks for the following in return!

1. The tools of learning	A
2. Ten teachers	
3. Four supervisors or special teachers	BUDGET
4. Transportation for 240 pupils	
5. Services of School Nurse	OF
6. Excellent Books	
7. Ample school supplies	\$53,476.00
8. Heat and light in healthful amounts.	
9. Athletic programs	
10. Visual aids to learning	EDUCATION IS
11. Moral and ethical training	
12. Training for citizenship	AN INVESTMENT
13. A complete testing program	
14. Attention to individual needs	RATHER THAN
15. Hot soup-milk program in co-operation with parents	AN EXPENSE.
16. Dental attention in cooperation with the Board of Health	
17. Health examinations in cooperation with the Board of Health	
18. A college course for the college minded	
19. Vocational training for those qualifying and desiring it	
20. Commercial course for the commercially minded	
21. General Course for children wanting general background	
22. Guidance on the High School level.	

THE SCHOOL BUDGET

Although we have made a small increase in teachers' salaries, the rapid rise in the cost of living during the past year, has more than erased the gain made. We must plan on further increases or perhaps have the experience of Fibber McGee who said: "When I was in school, I used to think the teachers were cross. I know now that I was wrong. They weren't cross—they were just HUNGRY". Teachers who play a crucial part in the development of our children must not be paid less than machine tenders in our factories.

The increase in our 1948 budget is about nine and one-half percent. The average increase in central Massachusetts towns and cities for 1948 appears to be about 14%. Our increase is caused by the following factors:

1. Small pay raises to all teachers.
2. Hiring an assistant first grade teacher.
3. Large community use of the school auditorium.
4. New equipment and installations in the form of school furniture and heating units.
5. Increased cost of all school materials.
6. Increased cost of High School Tuition.

In 1947, the group breakdown of school personnel salaries, is as follows:

1. Superintendent and Special Teachers-Supervisors	(4)	\$3,625.00
2. Junior High Teachers and Principal	(3)	7,100.00
3. Intermediate Grade Teachers	(3)	5,075.00
4. Primary Teachers	(3)	5,175.00
5. Janitorial	(1)	1,820.00
6. Health	(1)	800.00
7. Local Bus Drivers	(5)	7,106.00
8. Flanagan Bus Lines (not including Vocational)		4,320.00

STATE REIMBURSEMENTS

(Received or To Come)

1. Superintendent's salary and Expense	\$ 773.33
2. General Fund—Part I	1,900.00
3. General Fund—Part II	3,281.91
4. Tuition-Transportation State Wards	857.68
5. Vocational Reimbursement	1,019.29
6. School Transportation (Approx.)	\$ 11,200.00
(This is a new item for Westminster. It results from the passage of a bill offered by Philip Howard to the General Court.)	

Approximate Total	\$ 19,032.21
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OTHER RETURNS

1. Income from Upton and Hager Funds (Approx.)	\$ 600.00
2. Tuition-Transportation from Hubbardston	72.00

It may be of interest to some citizens of Westminster to know that the citizens of Princeton and Sterling are evincing great interest in the possibility of joining hands in the building and joint operation of a district, six-year high school. The interest is so great that there is a strong probability that such a plant may be in opera-

tion by September, 1953. Sterling and Princeton would contribute an enrollment of 300 pupils which would be ample for starting such a school, and to maintain it on a sound financial and educational basis. Such country district high schools will be the trend of the future, particularly when financial inducements are offered by the State or National governments. Such inducements will inevitably breakdown isolationism and provincialism.

IN CONCLUSION

I wish to thank the School Committee for its keen interest in the welfare of the children of Westminster, and to commend it for its progressive, forward-looking, grasp of educational problems. I know that the Committee appreciates the sentiment expressed by James Hilton when he said: "If I had a child who wanted to be a teacher, I would bid him Godspeed as if he were going to war. For indeed, the war against prejudice, greed, and ignorance is eternal. Our teachers are the commandoes of the peace, if peace is to be more than a short armistice. As in a relay race, our armed men have handed victory to those who dare not stand still to admire it, but must run with it for very life to a further and larger goal.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURENCE A. FOGG
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

72 Main Street
Gardner, Massachusetts
December 19, 1947

Mr. Laurence Fogg
Superintendent of Schools
Sterling, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Fogg:

I hereby submit to you my annual report as school nurse, for the Town of Westminster, for the year ending December 31, 1947.

Two days each week were spent in the schools, and during that period

- 497 inspections were made
- 188 first aid treatments were given
- 249 children were weighed and measured
- 82 home visits were made
- 124 follow up calls were made by telephone
- 256 tests were made to discover eye defects
- 256 tests were made to discover ear defects
- 2 children attended the Crippled Children's Clinic at the Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital in Gardner, Mass.
- 3 children attended the Speech Clinic at the Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital, Gardner, Massachusetts
- 2 children were examined by Dr. Janet Barnes, psychiatrist, at the Gardner State Hospital
- 10 children were in the hospital for tonsillectomy
- 8 children were fitted for glasses
- 12 children were taken home from school, sick or with symptoms of contagious diseases.

The dentist work was done by Dr. Louis Fletcher, Baldwinville Massachusetts.

Cards were sent to the parents informing them of the work that should be done on their children's teeth.

256 examinations were made
108 fillings were done
27 teeth were extracted
5 children had cleanings

Dr. Beatrice Perkins, Westminster, Massachusetts, inoculated in a clinic at the Upton School, Westminster:

71 children to protect against diphtheria
52 received the prescribed three treatments
4 received two treatments
15 had booster doses

Dr. Perkins, also in a pre-school clinic, checked and vaccinated 7 children.

We have had during the year scattered cases of chicken-pox and mumps.

Yours respectfully,

HELEN T. McKOWEN, R.N.
School Nurse

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

During the year 1947 there have been a number of changes in the teaching personnel. With regret the Committee accepted the resignation of Miss Sylvia Tuurunen who accepted a more remunerative position in the Leominster school system. Her position has been ably filled by Mrs. Helen P. Kendall of Gardner. In October Miss Barbara Tamaloniūš resigned her position in the Junior High School to accept work nearer her home in Worcester and her place was taken by Mrs. Josephine C. Meloon of Fitchburg. One other addition to the teaching staff has been made in the person of Mrs. Edna L'Ecuyer who has been engaged to assist Miss Doris Fenno in the first grade which has assumed unwieldy proportions due to increase in the school population. All teachers in the system have received small salary increases during the year.

The upward trend of school costs has continued during the past year. At the commencement of the Fall term in September the tuition charged by the City of Fitchburg for High School pupils was increased from \$135.00 to \$150.00 for the school year. More recently the tuition at the two vocational schools in Worcester was increased sharply from \$160.00 per pupil to \$220.00. On the other side of the ledger the Committee is happy to report that the state reimbursement to the town for educational purposes was greatly increased by the new School Transportation Bill by whose terms Westminster is currently to receive more than \$10,000.00.

The Committee has made a number of improvements in the physical plan of the system. Storm windows were installed in the basement gymnasium and lavatories with a consequent saving in fuel costs. The floor of the gymnasium was refinished during the summer vacation and a number of trees on the school grounds were either removed or repaired as a safety measure. Cesspools were also cleaned during the same period. A new duplicating machine has been provided in each building and has proved of great value to the teachers.

The Committee has encouraged increasing use of the Philip Loughlin Auditorium. Two separate groups are using it regularly for basketball, and a number of other groups closely associated with the school have had the occasional use of the building.

During the summer months the school grounds and a portion of the buildings were made available for a playground project sponsored by the Westminster unit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In this connection it should be pointed out, however, that extra use of the buildings and facilities result in increased maintenance costs. Because of the elevation of the land surrounding the lower school playground proper drainage has become a real problem. The Committee feels, therefore, that the drainage project for which authority and an appropriation is sought in the Town Warrant is an absolute necessity from the point of view of sanitation as well as the general improvement of the school grounds.

In addition to the usual intelligence tests achievement tests were given early in the Spring of 1947. The Committee is pleased to report that Westminster pupils on the whole rated well in these tests. Enclosed remedial measures have been taken particularly in the fields of spelling, literature and reading. At the beginning of the Fall term a definite preference for instruction in French rather than Latin in the College Course was indicated and is now well established. In the immediate future a class in typing under the instruction of Mrs. Meloon is contemplated.

Looking into the future there appear to be several major problems which the Committee will have to face. As is indicated by the attached report of the Superintendent of Schools the census of pre-school children indicates a marked increase in enrollment may be expected in the next five years. This increase will mean the employment of additional teachers, new problems in bus transportation and eventually expansion of the school plant itself.

Respectfully submitted,

GUY COSSABOOM, *Chairman*

ELMER LUOMA

ANN D. HOWARD, *Clerk*

School Committee of Westminster

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

For the Year 1947

Five meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Forbush Memorial Library were held during 1947, including four regular meetings in March, June, September and December and a special meeting in January. In these meetings the trustees transacted the regular business of the Library and took care of such special problems as arose.

Mr. Arthur Rice, although he resigned as Chairman of the Board, was re-elected, along with Miss Lillian McAllester, to the position of Trustee. The trustees elected Mr. J. Philip Howard to succeed Mr. Rice as chairman, and Mrs. Charles Innis was re-elected as secretary.

Through the generosity of the Ladies' Universalist Society, the trustees were able to buy a power lawn-mower for the Library which is expected to be of material assistance in keeping up the grounds.

Minor repairs and replacements were attended to as they became necessary, including the purchase of new grates for the furnace, since the old ones had become warped. Improvements in the lighting arrangements of the office and children's reading-room were planned.

The Board was able to allow the Librarian a slightly increased regular monthly sum for the purchase of new books, and thus, in spite of higher prices, a considerable number of new volumes was added to the shelves. In some cases the trustees made specific recommendations as to what books should be purchased.

The trustees endorsed the Librarian's suggestions for the disposal of discarded books in such ways as might aid the less fortunate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. PHILIP HOWARD, *Chairman*
LOIS F. INNIS, *Secretary*
LILLIAN A. McALLESTER
ARTHUR K. RICE
DORIS M. FENNO
ROBERT M. DENTON

TRUST FUNDS, CASH AND SECURITIES

	<i>Amount January 1, 1947</i>	<i>Income 1947</i>	<i>Income Spent</i>	<i>Principal Lost</i>	<i>New Trust Funds</i>	<i>Balance December 31, 1947</i>
F. W. Smith Poor Fund	\$35,789.00	\$602.99	\$406.00			\$35,985.99
J. W. Forbush Poor Fund	3,833.85	57.72				3,891.57
Upton School Fund	13,360.70	449.00	400.00	\$7.67		13,402.03
Hager School Fund	14,455.74	207.93	200.00			14,463.67
Preston P. Ellis School Fund	831.50	10.85				842.35
Charles R. Dutton School Fund	918.53	9.20				927.73
Town Library Fund	1,800.00	27.00	27.00			1,800.00
George A. Miller Library Fund	1,901.16	28.50	28.50			1,901.16
Lucy J. Childs Library Fund	150.00	2.26	2.26			150.00
Preston P. Ellis Library Fund	500.00	7.50	7.50			500.00
Daniel W. Sanders Library Fund	2,000.00	30.00	30.00			2,000.00
A. R. Hager Library Fund	600.00	12.00	12.00			600.00
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	1,000.00	20.00	20.00			1,000.00
Sarah M. Barnes Library Fund	200.00	4.00	4.00			200.00
M. A. Farnsworth Library Fund	525.00	7.88	7.88			525.00
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	500.00	7.50	7.50			500.00
Fred S. Whitman Library Fund	300.00	6.00	6.00			300.00
M. D. Haws Library Fund	1,000.00	27.50	27.50			1,000.00
Henrietta Gates Library Fund	3,494.32	34.95	30.00			3,499.27
Adelaide Berry Library Fund	100.00	2.00	2.00			100.00
Joseph Barrell Cemetery Fund	2,392.99	46.18	17.00			2,422.17

Daniel W. Sanders Cemetery Fund	2,232.35	44.86	17.00	2,260.21
M. A. Creed Cemetery Wall Fund	1,297.69	13.00		1,310.69
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	31,148.66	493.81	165.00	31,477.47
Water Investment Fund	15,000.00	220.00	220.00	15,000.00
		\$2,372.63	\$1,637.14	\$7.67
			\$150.00	\$136,059.31
Rehabilitation Fund	\$15,706.06	\$291.45		\$15,997.51
Celebration Committee	51.40	.50		56.65
Books sold.				\$4.75

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Forbush Memorial Library:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

The Librarians have attended two meetings of the Wachusett Library Association during the year. These were held in Lancaster and Leominster, and were for Trustees and Librarians. We found these meetings inspirational and helpful.

The allowance for books has been most generous, making it possible to supply our readers with many of the latest books. Their response has been most gratifying.

Through the kindness and the co-operation of the Division of Public Libraries at Boston we have supplied much needed books to several of our teachers who were taking special courses in education. Books in the Finnish language have also been loaned to our library.

Forty-one periodicals are on the subscription list, and eleven were received as gifts.

The following special days were observed:

Bird calendar and chart, during March and April.

Religious book week, May 4-11

The 100th anniversary of the United States Postage Stamp and Postal Service May 17-25

Children's Book Week, in November

A gift from the Estate of Mrs. Emma Baker Young has been of continued interest to visitors and patrons of our library. It consists of a three/panel screen decorated with postcards, views of Westminster, past and present.

Our up-to-date Encyclopedias, with other excellent reference material, has been much appreciated by the pupils of our schools.

Early in the year our local Girl Scouts came to the Library for instruction in the use of the Library. This training helped them later in looking up material needed in their Scouting activities.

LIBRARY STATISTICS

Days open	150
Largest day's circulation	154
Smallest day's circulation	27
Average daily circulation	74.8
Total circulation	11,226
Number of volumes added by gift	24
Number of volumes added by purchase	370
Total number of volumes added	394

GIFTS—BOOKS

Co-operatives in America	Mrs. A. Mandelin, Fitchburg, Mass.
Dollar a Share	Mrs. A. Mandelin, Fitchburg, Mass.
Paddy the Cope	Mrs. A. Mandelin, Fitchburg, Mass.
Wings for Ruth	Mrs. Annabel Dawley
Western story	Robert Lanue
Shanty Brook Lodge Toplofty	Girl Scouts
Hitty	Jean Wrisley
Journal of the Senate	
Journal of the House of Representatives	State House
History of the W. R. C., Department of Massachusetts	
	From local Corps
History of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the Civil War	
from Massachusetts (vol.)	Local Camp of S. of U. V.
Churches of New England	Mrs. John A. Sargent
Story of Sterling Silver	S. M. Nathan, Inc.
Great Engines and Great Planes	Chrysler Corporation
American Oil Operations Abroad	Foreign Council, New York
Escort Carriers in Action	Publishers

GIFTS — PERIODICALS

Antiques	Mrs. John A. Sargent
Missions	Baptist Mission Circle
Christian Leader	Ladies Social Circle
National Grange Monthly	Westminster Grange No. 203
Dumb Animals	Publishers
Humane Review	Publishers
Living Tissue	Publishers
Tax Talk	Publishers
Opportunity	Publishers
Specialty Salesman	Publishers

Steelways	Publishers
Kentucky	Publishers
Musical Fairy Tales (100 copies)	Mrs. Clara Hannaford
Three Panel Screen, postcard views of Westminster	
Estate of Emma Baker Young, Gardner	

Yours respectfully,

EDITH L. HARRINGTON

Librarian

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS — 1947

TAXES

Current Year:			
Polls	\$	1,094.00	
Personal		13,940.01	
Real Estate		67,736.92	
		<u> </u>	\$82,770.93
Received from City of Fitchburg			1,166.00
Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts			15.40
Previous Years:			
1945 Personal	\$	4.95	
Real Estate		478.50	
		<u> </u>	483.45
1946 Polls	\$	16.00	
Personal		371.61	
Real Estate		7,283.09	
		<u> </u>	7,670.70
Received from Tax Title Redemptions			184.13
1946 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$	149.68	
1947 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax		3,998.88	
		<u> </u>	4,148.56
From State, Corporations, Banks, etc.:			
Income Tax	\$	20,342.08	
Corporation Tax		3,598.78	
Meals Tax (O.A.A.)		433.58	
Highway Tax		5,068.46	
		<u> </u>	29,442.90
Massachusetts School Fund			3,290.14
High School Tuition and Transportation		857.68	
Vocational Schools		1,019.29	
		<u> </u>	1,876.97

From Other Towns:		
Tuition		58.80
Liquor Licenses	\$ 1,500.00	
All Other Licenses	185.00	
Court Fines	270.00	
Dog Licenses from County	614.13	
Hager Park for wood	186.00	
	<hr/>	2,755.13
Town Hall:		
Rentals		340.50

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

From State:	37.50
From Sealer of Weights and Measures (fees)	18.19

BOARD OF HEALTH

Grant from State	\$ 248.57	
Dental Clinic Fees	84.00	
	<hr/>	332.57

HIGHWAYS AND STATE ROAD

From Machinery Rentals (Town Rentals)	\$ 8,576.45	
From Machinery Rentals (Outside)	7,546.53	
	<hr/>	16,122.98
From State and County:		
Chapter 81, 1946 Contract No. 4599	\$ 9,221.69	
Chapter 81, 1947 Contract No. 4779	11,757.68	
Chapter 90, 1946 Maintenance 9718	2,999.34	
Chapter 90, 1947 Maintenance 10412	1,799.86	
Chapter 90, 1946 Construction 9801	8,249.09	
	<hr/>	34,027.66
From State:		
Snow and Ice Removal Route No. 140		140.00

CHARITIES

Reimbursement:

From Federal Aid to Dependent Children	\$ 286.98	
From State Aid to Dependent Children	358.80	
From State Temporary Aid	438.00	
From Other Cities and Towns	360.00	
	<hr/>	1,443.78
From State Aid		120.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Reimbursement:

From Federal Aid	\$ 5,579.62	
From Federal Administration	186.01	
	<hr/>	5,765.63
From State	\$ 6,637.35	
From Other Cities and Towns	561.25	
	<hr/>	7,198.60

LIBRARY

From Fines	\$ 50.00	
From Lending Library Receipts	16.56	
From Anniversary Books Sold	4.75	
	<hr/>	71.31

CEMETERIES

For Burials	\$ 360.00	
For Rebuilding Lots	46.00	
For Foundations	22.00	
For Care of Lots	36.50	
For Flowers	5.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 470.00

INTEREST

From Taxes 1945	\$ 23.00	
From Taxes 1946	203.31	
From Taxes 1947	15.79	
From Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	2.05	
From Tax Titles	17.53	
From Demands	28.70	
	<hr/>	290.38

Income from Trust Funds:

Town Library Fund	\$ 27.00	
George Miller Library Fund	28.50	
Childs Library Fund	2.26	
P. P. Ellis Library Fund	7.50	
D. W. Sanders Library Fund	30.00	
A. R. Hager Library Fund	12.00	
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	20.00	
Sarah Barnes Library Fund	4.00	
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	7.50	
M. A. Farnsworth Library Fund	7.88	
F. S. Whitman Library Fund	6.00	
Haws Library Fund	27.50	
Henrietta Gates Library Fund	30.00	
Adelaide Berry Library Fund	2.00	
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		212.14

Interest on Water Fund 220.00

Blue Cross Deductions 598.20

Retirement Deductions 804.65

Tax Deductions 3,863.43

TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds (new)	150.00
Dog Licenses for County	799.80

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Refunds:

Loss of Taxes	\$ 977.67	
Gasoline Tax	103.50	
Highways	3.88	
Schools	295.95	
Old Age Assistance	79.36	
Registrars	1.80	
Town Hall	2.68	
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		\$ 1,464.84

Transfers:

Smith Poor Fund	\$ 406.00
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Upton School Fund	400.00	
Hager School Fund	200.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	165.00	
Saunders Cemetery Fund	17.00	
Joseph Barrell Cemetery Fund	17.00	
	<hr/>	1,205.00

Total Receipts	\$209,560.27
Cash on hand December 31, 1947	31,714.67
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	\$214,274.94

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

own Accountant *Receipts* — Copy Coming.
Legislature:

Moderator		\$ 25.00
Selectmen:		
Salaries	\$ 600.00	
Membership dues	31.00	
Telephone	1.40	
Printing, postage and supplies	16.66	
Warrants and advertising	62.85	
	<hr/>	711.91

Appropriation Salaries \$600.00
Expense \$100.00
Transferred from Reserve \$11.91

Accountant:		
Salary	800.00	
Assistant	285.57	
Printing, supplies etc.	10.71	
	<hr/>	1,096.28

Appropriation Salary \$800.00
Expense \$300.00 — Balance \$3.72

Treasurer:

Salary	\$ 150.00
Surety Bond	68.50
Stamped envelopes	72.66
Law expenses	38.20
Association dues	1.00
Telephone	1.65
All other	21.90

353.91

Appropriation Salary \$150.00
Expense \$250.00 — Balance \$46.09

Collector:

Salary	\$ 800.00
Assistant	100.75
Surety Bond	85.50
Deputy Collector's Bond	5.00
Attendance at Collector's meeting	15.32
Bills and forms	97.50
Stamped envelopes	146.77
Supplies, printing and postage	10.70
Dues	1.00
Tax title expense	6.90

1,269.44

Appropriation Salary \$800.00
Expense \$500.00 — Balance \$30.56

Assessors:

Salaries	\$ 675.00
Assistant	133.05
Attendance at meetings	55.55
Dues	6.00
Abstracts	189.99
Telephone	26.91
Cards	31.50
Safe	258.50
Supplies and stamped envelopes	24.03

1,400.53

Appropriation Salaries \$675.00
Expenses \$825.00 — Balance \$99.47

Town Clerk:

Salary	\$ 100.00
Surety Bond	5.00

Vital Statistics, fees	134.13	
Attendance at meetings	6.58	
Dues	5.00	
Printing, postage etc.	45.40	
Telephone	1.20	
Revising voting list	1.50	
		298.81
Appropriation Salary \$100.00		
Expense \$250.00 — Balance \$51.19		
Other Finance:		
Rent of Safety Deposit Box		24.00
Appropriation \$50.00 — Balance \$26.00		
Election and Registration:		
Registrars	76.80	
Election Officers	42.00	
Voting lists	65.00	
Ballots	16.25	
		200.05
Appropriation \$250.00 — Balance \$51.75		
School Committee Salaries (Appropriation \$225.00)		225.00
Public Welfare Committee Salaries		300.00
(Appropriation \$300.00)		
Town Hall:		
Janitor's Salary and Other Labor	\$ 540.00	
Water Rent	17.81	
Fuel	367.00	
Lights	98.86	
Telephone	37.36	
Janitor's Supplies	23.72	
Repairs and Equipment	277.93	
Outside Labor	25.38	
		1,388.06
Appropriation \$1,500.00		
Balance — \$111.94		

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Protection:		
Police Work Salary	\$ 999.00	
		999.00
Appropriation \$1,000.00 — Balance \$1.00		

Dog Officer:			
Care of and Destroying Dogs	\$	4.25	
			4.25
Appropriation \$50.00 — Balance \$45.75			
Fire Department:			
Yearly Salaries	\$	160.00	
Wages—Testing Hose and House Fires		492.20	
Insurance		427.23	
Shoveling Snow		16.50	
Repairs on Trucks		1,042.75	
Lights		90.06	
Telephone		39.03	
Supplies and Equipment		787.53	
Water Rent		7.12	
Hose		63.94	
Gas, Oil, etc.		133.51	
Building Repairs		24.13	
All Other		18.67	
			3,302.67
Forestry:			
Forest Warden	\$	25.00	
Wages for Forest Fires		1,836.04	
Hose and Hired Equipment		45.50	
Food		13.70	
All Other		3.54	
			1,923.78
			5,226.45
Appropriation \$3,900.00			
(Transferred from Reserve Fund \$1,326.45)			
Forest Fire Equipment			678.20
Appropriation \$700.00 — Balance \$21.80			
Tree Warden			99.00
Appropriation \$100.00 — Balance \$1.00			
Moth			999.85
Appropriation \$1,000.00 — Balance \$0.15			
Sealer of Weights and Measures:			
Salary	\$	60.00	
Equipment		3.45	
			63.45
Appropriation \$75.00 — Balance \$11.55			

BOARD OF HEALTH

Inspection of School Children	\$ 75.00	
Diphtheria Clinic	48.00	
Dental Clinic	260.00	
Inspection of Animals and Barns	150.00	
Inspection of Meats	11.70	
Board and Care at Worcester County Sanatorium	397.50	
Labor at Dump	330.35	
		1,272.55
Appropriation \$1,000.00 (Transferred from Reserve Fund \$272.55)		
Tuberculosis Hospital (Assessment)		2,938.12
Appropriation \$2,938.12		

HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81:

Labor	\$ 11,991.50	
Machinery Rentals	5,150.88	
Oil	857.04	
Tarmac	5,358.36	
Gravel and Stone	508.68	
Materials	133.34	
		23,999.80
Appropriation \$ 6,000.00 — Balance \$0.20		
State	18,000.00	

Machinery Repairs, Purchase and Maintenance:

Pay Rolls	\$ 1,247.97
Tires, Chains, Welding, and Garage Bills	3,995.01
Gas, Oil, Fuel, and Grease	2,580.98
Renting Shovel Trailer	160.00
Two New International 4 Ton Dump Trucks, K-8, Heavy Bodies and Tires	10,098.92
One New International One-half Ton Pick-up Truck, K-1	1,223.20
Small Tools for Garage and Outside	230.00
Lumber	243.40

Burke Receiving Pump on		
Steam Boiler	336.50	
New Snow Plow	571.59	
All Other Parts, Etc.	2,213.79	
		22,901.36
Transferred From Rentals		
March 1, 1947	\$18,924.13	
Nov. 10, 1947	5,000.00	
Gas Tax Refund	103.50	
Refunds	3.88	
Balance \$1,130.15	\$24,031.51	
Sidewalk Construction:		
Labor	\$ 357.97	
Rentals	9.75	
Cement	78.20	
Trap Rock	26.43	
		472.35
Appropriation \$500.00 — Balance \$27.65		
Bridges:		
Labor	\$ 688.65	
Lumber and Beams	1,053.30	
Cement and Nails	19.50	
Plates and Paint	31.75	
All Other	91.49	
		1,884.69
Appropriation \$500.00		
Transferred from E. & D. Fund	\$1,384.64	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	.05	
Snow and Ice Removal:		
Labor	\$ 4,208.31	
Blades	256.80	
Salt	214.50	
Snow Plow Attachments	812.00	
Fuel, Gas, and Oil	686.33	
Insurance	100.00	
Repairs, Parts, Welding, etc.	2,371.42	
		8,649.36
Appropriation \$6,000.00		
Transferred from E. & D. Fund	\$1,000.00	
Overdraft	\$1,649.36	

Snow and Ice Sidewalks:

Labor	\$ 97.60	97.60
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Appropriation \$100.00 — Balance \$2.40		
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Contract		1,733.03
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Appropriation \$1,750.00 — Balance \$16.97		
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Guide Boards		499.69
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Appropriation \$500.00 — Balance \$0.31		
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Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Labor	\$ 920.58	
Rentals	550.64	
Tarmac	1,228.53	
		2,699.75

Appropriation \$900.00 — Balance \$0.25		
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State's Share	900.00	
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County's Share	900.00	
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Chapter 90 Construction:

Labor	\$ 4,388.38	
Hired Trucks	190.00	
Rentals	2,865.18	
Culverts	711.54	
Tarmac	772.06	
Gravel	187.50	
Concrete pipe, cement, etc.	52.20	
Bonds	30.50	
		9,197.36

Appropriation \$2,300.00 — Balance \$2.64		
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State's Share	4,600.00	
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County's Share	2,300.00	
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PUBLIC WELFARE

Allowances, Board and Care	\$ 1,804.87	
Medicine and Medical Care	192.50	
Groceries, Provisions, Clothing, etc.	961.12	
Fuel	11.35	
Charlton Home Farm	333.86	
Hospital Care	145.60	
Funeral Expenses	248.39	
Other Expenses	36.12	
		3,733.81

Appropriation \$3,500.00		
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(Transferred from Reserve Fund \$233.81)		
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Interest transferred from Smith Fund		408.00
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AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Federal Administration		1.75
Balance January 1, 1947	\$23.47	
Balance forwarded Jan. 1, 1948	21.72	
Federal Grant Allowances		
Balance January 1, 1947	\$ 8.10	287.10
Received from Federal	286.98	
Balance forwarded Jan. 1, 1948	7.83	
Town Allowances		867.15
Appropriation \$1000.00—Balance	\$132.85	

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Federal Administration		342.85
Balance January 1, 1947	4.08	
Received from Federal	386.01	
Balance forwarded Jan. 1, 1948	47.24	
Federal Grant Aid:		
Allowances		5,180.21
Balance January 1, 1947	\$ 32.78	
Received from Federal	5,611.34	
Balance forwarded Jan. 1, 1948	463.91	
Old Age Assistance:		
Town Allowances	\$ 7,480.51	
Medicine and Medical Care	2,214.74	
Other Cities and Towns	70.98	
Other Expenses	124.50	
		9,890.73
Town Appropriations \$9,800.00—Balance	\$14.23	
Refunds	72.81	
Auditor's Adjustment	32.15	

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Allowances		435.00
Appropriation \$1,200.00 for Soldiers' Relief		
120.00 for State Aid		
Balance \$885.00		

VETERANS' SERVICE

Veterans' Service:

Salary	\$	150.00
Typewriter		132.75
Typewriter Desk		125.00
Steel File		67.75
Office Supplies		29.18
Photography Equipment and Supplies	\$	251.93

756.61

Appropriation \$800.00 — Balance \$43.39

SCHOOLS

School Committee:

Expense	\$	21.50
Census		30.00
Writing Special Certificates		25.00
Diplomas		11.56
Telephone (both schools)		83.58
		<u>171.64</u>

Superintendent:

Salary	\$	1,519.92
Clerk		179.73
Traveling Expenses		223.91
Telephone		45.17
Printing and Postage		29.98
Expenses at Conferences		62.25
		<u>2,060.96</u>

Supervisors:

Music Teacher	\$	760.74
Drawing Teacher		837.76
Writing Teacher		330.00
		<u>1,928.50</u>

Nurse:

Salary	\$	817.32
Expense		26.70
		<u>844.02</u>

Teachers' Salaries:

Junior High School	\$	7,033.69
Elementary		10,162.56
		<u>17,196.25</u>

Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Fund		976.89
Text Books and Supplies:		
Junior High School		
Text Books	\$ 171.38	
Junior High School		
Supplies	137.25	
Elementary Text Books	610.82	
Elementary Supplies	423.27	
		<u>1,342.72</u>
Tuition:		
High School	\$ 7,279.04	
Elementary	629.42	
		<u>7,908.46</u>
Transportation:		
High School	\$ 3,588.50	
Junior High School	3,141.00	
Elementary	5,373.50	
		<u>12,103.00</u>
Janitor's Service:		
Junior High School	\$ 505.50	
Elementary	1,314.54	
Expenses	7.15	
		<u>1,827.19</u>
Water Rent		25.00
Fuel and Lights:		
Junior High School	\$ 747.95	
Elementary	927.68	
		<u>1,675.63</u>
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:		
Junior High School:		
Repairs	\$ 249.06	
Janitor's Supplies	57.66	
All Other	280.31	
		<u>587.03</u>
Elementary:		
Repairs	\$ 57.04	
Janitor's Supplies	57.23	
All Other	166.18	
		<u>280.45</u>

Furniture and Furnishings:			
Junior High School		145.48	
			49,073.22
Appropriation	\$48,636.00—Balance	\$458.73	
Upton Fund	400.00		
Hager Fund	200.00		
Refunds	295.95		
VOCATIONAL			
Tuition		\$ 2,516.19	
Transportation		1,224.40	
			3,740.59
Appropriation	\$3,000.00	Overdraft	\$740.59
LIBRARY			
Salaries:			
Librarian	\$	729.30	
Assistant		462.50	
Janitor		305.00	
			1,496.80
Books and Periodicals:			
Books	\$	604.82	
Periodicals		87.15	
Binding Books		12.96	
Telephone		27.46	
Stationery and Postage		13.10	
All Other		2.00	
			747.49
Buildings and Grounds:			
Repairs	\$	86.60	
Care of Grounds		14.37	
Fuel		359.35	
Lights		85.46	
All Other		24.17	
			569.95
			2,814.24
Appropriation	\$2,100.00—Balance	\$112.13	
Dog Fund		614.13	
Income from Trust Funds		212.14	

UNCLASSIFIED

Unpaid Bills of 1946 (Special Appropriation)	940.10
Memorial Day (Appropriation \$135.00—Transferred from Reserve Fund \$2.00)	137.00
Care of Town Clock (Appropriation \$20.00)	20.00
Printing Town Reports (Appropriation \$200.00—Transferred from Reserve Fund \$45.00)	245.00
Blanket Fire Insurance and Liability Insurance (Appropriation \$1,925.00—Balance \$230.55)	1,694.45
War Memorial (Appropriation \$50.00—Balance \$0.05)	49.95
Soup Kitchen (Appropriation \$300.00—Balance \$35.69)	264.31
Band Concerts (Appropriation \$200.00)	200.00
Foreclosure Expenses (Appropriation \$288.00—Balance \$247.85)	40.15
Blue Cross Deductions	538.20
Retirement Deductions	801.09
Anniversary Books	4.75
Miscellaneous:	
Cutting of Wood and Delivery to	\$ 34.00
Replacing Private Pole on Minott Street	44.87
Overhauling Typewriter and Adding Machine	35.00
Mowing Hay on Common	7.50
Removing Scales	8.20
Surveying Land	10.75
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	140.32

Appropriation \$150.00—Balance \$9.68

CEMETERIES

Superintendent's Salary	\$ 1,079.00	
Other Labor	1,146.65	
Flowers and Shrubs	35.10	
Equipment and Supplies	69.79	
Cutting Pine on Hicks Lot	21.00	
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		2,351.54
Appropriation \$2,600.00—Balance \$248.46		

HAGER PARK TRUSTEES

Labor Cutting Wood and Trucking Wood	340.25
Appropriation \$500.00—Balance \$159.75	

INTEREST

School house Note	300.00
Appropriation \$350.00—Balance \$50.00	

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Schoolhouse Note Payment (From E. & D. \$1,500.00)	1,500.00
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AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency:

County Tax (Appropriation \$4,149.92— Balance \$415.13 forward)	3,734.79
State Tax (Appropriation \$1,500.00)	1,500.00
State Parks and Reservations (Appropriation \$124.13—Balance \$33.49 forward)	90.64
Auditing Municipal Accounts Tax (Appropriation \$616.55)	616.55
Dog Licenses to County	799.80
Federal Tax Deductions	3,826.23

Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds (New)	150.00
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REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Refunds:

Poll Taxes and Interest	\$ 4.36	
Personal Taxes	22.00	
Real Estate Taxes	88.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	40.77	
Machinery Repairs	16.00	
Retirement Fund	3.56	
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		174.69

Total Payments	\$189,700.07
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Cash Balance December 31, 1947	51,574.87
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\$241,274.94

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY S. KENDALL

Town Accountant

LIST OF JURORS

1947

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Frank S. Smith	Laborer
Elmer E. Luoma	Accountant
Fred Chalmers	Plumber
Paul B. Mansur	Merchant
Kaino Poikonen	Peddler
Neil L. J. Marsh	Track Inspector
Guy M. Ralph	Procurement Officer
George Thomas	Wheel-sorter
Gordon J. Kelley	Master Mechanic
Oiva Walkonen	Manufacturer
Howard I. Smith	Telephone Engineer
William R. Hickey	Transportation
Walter Chatigny	Hospital Supervisor
Howard Winter	Clerk

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE TAXES OF 1945		
Outstanding December 31, 1946		\$ 496.65
Payment to Treasurer	\$ 483.45	
Abatement	13.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 496.65

POLL TAXES OF 1946		
Outstanding December 31, 1946		\$ 18.00
Auditor's Adjustment		2.00
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		\$ 20.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 16.00	
Abatements	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 20.00

PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE TAXES OF 1946		
Outstanding December 31, 1946		\$ 7,738.20
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 7,654.70	
Abatements	34.49	
Tax Title	49.01	
	<hr/>	\$7,738.20

POLL TAXES OF 1947		
Commitments		\$ 1,456.00
Refunds		4.00
Auditor's Adjustment		4.00
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		\$ 1,464.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 1,094.00	
Abatements	350.00	
Refunds	4.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1947	16.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,464.00

PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE TAXES OF 1947		
Commitments		\$ 91,003.17
Refunds		110.00
Auditor's Adjustment		2.04
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		\$ 91,115.21

Payments to Treasurer	\$ 81,676.93	
Abatements	651.20	
Tax Title	165.22	
Outstanding December 31, 1947	8,621.86	
	<u> </u>	\$ 91,115.21

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX OF 1946

Outstanding December 31, 1946	\$	69.28	
Warrant No. 7		85.46	
Auditor's Adjustment		.13	
Refund		2.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 156.87
Payments to Treasurer	\$	149.68	
Abatements		7.19	
		<u> </u>	\$ 156.87

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX OF 1947

12 Warrants	\$	4,356.54	
Refunds		40.77	
		<u> </u>	\$ 4,397.31
Payments to Treasurer	\$	3,998.88	
Abatements		90.06	
Refunds		40.77	
Outstanding December 31, 1947		267.60	
		<u> </u>	\$ 4,397.31

INTEREST COLLECTED

Taxes 1945	\$	23.00	
Taxes 1946		203.31	
Taxes 1947		15.79	
Tax Titles		17.53	
Demands		28.70	
Motor Vehicle Excise		2.05	
		<u> </u>	\$ 290.38

FLORENCE B. RICE
Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Complaints investigated	35
Summons served	9
Arrests for out of town police	2
Arrests as follows:	
Drunkenness	3
Non-support	1
Assault and battery	1
Driving under influence of liquor	1
Driving so as to endanger	1
Failing to keep right of road	2
Driving without license	1
Larceny	1
Tresspassing	2
Adultery	4
Breaking and Entering at night and Larceny	
(Juveniles)	7
(Adults)	2
6 paid fines to amount	\$290.00
Stolen property recovered	174.40
Restitution ordered by Court	36.00
2 were sentenced to Worcester House of Correction	
1 Female on probation	
1 Male on probation	
7 Juveniles on probation	
1 Male guilty placed on file	
Attended Gardner Court 14 days	
Attended Worcester Court 4 days	
Attended Inquest Gardner Court	
20 Auto Accidents	
in which 2 were seriously injured and	
17 minor injuries	
2 Fatal accidents	
1 car and boy on bicycle	
car and pedestrian	
2 Pedestrians hit by auto and one hospitalized	
1 aeroplane Accident — 2 injured	

1 Suicide
1 Drowning
1 Missing person
3 Stolen cars recovered (abandoned)
Dances 24

Had charge of 14 men appointed by the Selectmen on Route 2 construction. These men were paid by Central Construction Company.

I have done patrol work on Sundays and nights, and traffic duty on holidays and funerals.

Paid Gardner Police Station for use of lockup	\$22.00
For uniform	24.00
Police Chiefs Association	5.00
Telephone	23.75
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Toatl	\$74.75

Respectfully submitted,

TOIVO O. TUOMINEN
Chief of Police

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Selectmen:

Complaints	6
Dogs killed by car	9
Stray dogs	5
Serving dog warrants	6 hours
Dog tax notices sent out	79
Dogs killed	10

Respectfully submitted,

TOIVO O. TUOMINEN
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE CONSTABLE

To the Selectmen:

Warrants were served for one (1) Town Meeting, one (1) Special Town Meeting.

Three jurors were drawn during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

TOIVO O. TUOMINEN
Constable

VETERANS' AGENT REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you my annual report of the Veterans' Service Department, of the Town of Westminster, for the year ending December 31, 1947.

Appropriation voted at March 1, 1947 Town Meeting \$800.00

EXPENSES	
Typewriter	132.75
Photography supplies and equipment	251.93
Typewriter desk	125.00
Steel file with lock	67.75
Office supplies	29.18
Salary for Veterans' Agent	150.00
	\$756.61
Balance of Appropriation Unexpended	43.39
	\$800.00

During the Year there were two cases receiving Veterans Benefits.

Applications for Veterans Benefits	4
Discharge Certificates photostated	11
State Bonus Applications completed	3
Terminal Leave Applications completed	8
Disability Claim	1
Contacts with a representative of the Commissioner of Veterans' Services	4

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER W. WINTTURI
Veterans' Agent

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

For The Year Ending 1947

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby submit for your approval the twenty-ninth annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1947.

FIRE RECORD

This year we have answered 43 calls as follows:

Buildings	9	Chimneys	3
Brush	28	Automobiles	3

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATION RECOMMENDATIONS

1947

APPROVED BY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	<i>Salary</i> <i>Salary</i>	<i>Expenses</i> <i>Expenses</i>
Moderator	\$ 25.00	\$ —
Selectmen — \$200 each	600.00	100.00
Town Accountant	900.00	400.00
Town Treasurer	150.00	200.00
Tax Collector	800.00	400.00
Assessors — \$225 each	675.00	600.00
Other Finance	—	50.00
Town Clerk	100.00	250.00
Election and Registration	—	275.00
Board of Public Welfare — \$100 each	300.00	—
School Committee — \$75 each	225.00	—
	\$3,775.00	\$2,275.00
		3,775.00

Town Hall, General Maintenance

\$6,050.00
\$1,500.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Fire Department	\$4,450.00
Forest Fire Equipment and Patrol	500.00
Police Protection	1,200.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Moth Department	1,000.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	60.00
Tree Warden	200.00
Insurance (Fire, Liability and Workmen's Compensation)	1,800.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health (Including Dental Clinic)	\$1,000.00
Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital	3,035.81

HIGHWAYS

General Repairs under Chapter 81	\$6,000.00
Bridges — From Excess and Deficiency Fund	500.00
Snow and Ice (Highways)	8,500.00
Snow and Ice (Sidewalks)	200.00
Street Lighting	1,800.00
Guide Boards	200.00
Sidewalk Repairs	500.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
Chapter 90 Construction From Excess and Deficiency Fund	2,000.00

CHARITIES

Public Welfare	\$4,000.00
Mothers' Aid A.D.C.	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance (Administration \$200)	17,000.00
Veterans' Benefit	1,200.00

SCHOOLS

Schools (Including Amount from State)	\$53,726.00
Vocational School	4,995.00

FORBUSH LIBRARY

Not Including Dog Fund	\$2,300.00
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CEMETERIES

Including Income from Trust Funds	\$2,500.00
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PAYMENTS ON NOTES

School Note (from Excess and Deficiency Fund)	\$1,500.00
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UNCLASSIFIED

Interest	\$ 275.00
Hager Park Trustees	500.00
World War Memorial	50.00
Memorial Day	135.00
Care of Town Clock	20.00
Printing Town Reports	275.00
Miscellaneous	150.00

GORDON J. KELLEY
 JAMES A. ADAMS
 HOWARD I. SMITH
 Advisory Committee

TRIAL BALANCE OF DECEMBER 31, 1946

<i>Assets</i>		<i>Liabilities</i>	
Cash on Hand	\$51,574.87	Machinery Rentals	\$12,237.13
Library Cash	10.00	Cemetery Lots	55.00
Taxes 1947	8,637.86	A. D. C., Federal Administration	21.72
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1947	267.60	A. D. C., Federal Aid	7.83
Tax Titles	1,968.15	Old Age Assistance, Federal Adm'r.	47.24
Accounts Receivable:		Old Age Assistance, Federal Aid	463.91
Temporary Aid Public Welfare	830.46	Tax Title Foreclosures	247.85
Veterans' Benefits	40.00	Tax Title Revenue	1,968.15
Aid to Dependent Children	128.85	Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	267.60
Highway Bills	1,456.68	Departmental Revenue	2,527.99
Schools	72.00	Aid to Highway Revenue	12,242.32
Chapter 81 Highways	6,242.32	Overlay 1947	4,353.15
Chapter 90 Construction	6,000.00	Overlay Reverse	6,611.82
State Aid Adj.	70.00	Federal Tax	37.20
Over Drawn:		County Tax	415.13
Snow and Ice	1,649.36	State Parks and Reservations	33.49
Vocational	632.36	Chapter 81	.20
		Chapter 90 Maintenance	.25
		Chapter 90 Construction	2.64
		Safety Lights	260.00
		Surplus Excess and Deficiency	37,779.89
Net Funded Debt	<u>\$79,580.51</u> \$10,500.00	Schoolhouse Loan	<u>\$79,580.51</u> \$10,500.00

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westminster in the County aforesaid, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of WESTMINSTER, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the TOWN HALL, in said Westminster, on Saturday the sixth day of March, 1948 at six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there

To choose by ballot all the necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, or term of years.

Polls will be opened at six o'clock A.M. and closed at five o'clock P.M. and you are further directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westminster qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall at one o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948, and to issue a note or notes therefor, to be paid within one year, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen, or act in relation thereto.

Article 3. To choose all necessary Committees for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see if the Town will choose an agent or agents to prosecute and defend all suite in behalf of the Town, or act in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for the purpose of giving five public band concerts, or act in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from Machinery Rental account to Machinery Repair, Purchase, and Maintenance account, or act in relation thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of money as may be necessary for the following departments: General Government, Town Hall, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Highways, Public Welfare, Mother's Aid, Old Age Assistance, Veterans Benefits, Schools, Library, Cemeteries, Payment of Debts, Unclassified, and Sidewalks.

Article 9. Chapter 81 Highways — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Vote: That the sum of \$6,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that, in addition, the sum of \$18,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 10. Chapter 90 Highways, Maintenance — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Vote: That the sum of \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, and that, in addition, the sum of \$2,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State and County share of the costs of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from un-

appropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

Vote: That the sum of \$8,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction, the reimbursements from the State (\$4,000.00) and the County (\$2,000.00) to be restored upon their receipt to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 12. To hear reports of any Committee appointed to act on Town affairs or in its behalf, or act in relation thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$632.36 to cover an overdraft in Vocational Education for 1947, or act in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,649.36 to cover an overdraft under Snow and Ice for 1947, or act in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, to be administered by the School Committee, for the purpose of continuing the School Soup Project, or act in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light adjacent to the property of Walter H. Sunne, or act in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light on Church Street, or act in relation thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to have the valuation and taxes for the year 1948 printed, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for such purpose, or act in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$718.60 covering an assessment by the Treasurer of Worcester County representing the cost of administration of the Worcester County Retirement System for six months ending December 31, 1947, or act in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept an exten-

sion of Church Street leading west from Main Street a distance of approximately 1200 feet in length by 40 feet in width, to be improved only as the building of housing units progresses, or act in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to construct a sidewalk on the westerly side of Main Street from the intersection of Nichols Street to the end of the present sidewalk at the Red & White Store, or act in relation thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be expended under the supervision of the School Committee for the installation of heating units in the basement playroom of the Loughlin School Building, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,657.50 to provide adequate drainage and fill for the Upton and Loughlin School Playgrounds, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of showers in the Loughlin School, or act in relation thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund to be at the disposal of the Finance Committee as provided in Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws, or act in relation thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept gratis a parcel of land from the Foster Estate, situated at the rear of the Upton School Building and including a part of the driveway and retaining wall, or act in relation thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Unappropriated Funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the erection of a brick boiler room connected with and at the rear of the Town Hall and the installation of an oil-burning heating system for the hall, or take any action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office and Town Hall in said Town, seven days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight.

JUDSON R. FOSTER
WALTER W. WINTTURI
WILLIAM S. JOHNSON
Selectmen of Westminster

A true copy, Attest:

TOIVO TUOMINEN
Constable of Westminster

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1948

There were two Town Meetings held during the year 1948. (In the following report of the Town Meetings is a synopsis from records of the meeting.)

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION

MARCH 6, 1948

OFFICERS ELECTED

	<i>No. of Votes</i>
MODERATOR — for One Year	
J. Philip Howard — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	275
Rev. Abar	20
John Carey	1
William Hickey	2
Walker Brown	1
Al Jones	1
Blanks	139
TOWN CLERK — for One Year	
Esther H. Hicks — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	372
J. Philip Howard	1
Harry Howard	1
Blanks	65
TOWN TREASURER — for One Year	
Judson R. Foster — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	351
Blanks	88
SELECTMEN — for Three Years	
William S. Johnson — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	356
Blanks	83
BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE — for Three Years	
Alfred P. Jones — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	222
Eino N. Salo — Nomination paper	204
Blanks	13

ASSESSOR — for Three Years

Albert E. Gates — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	339
Eino Winter	1
J. Philip Howard	1
Blanks	98

SCHOOL COMMITTEE — for Three Years

Elmer E. Luoma — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	338
George Thomas	1
Linnea Poikonen	1
Kenneth Hobbs	1
J. Philip Howard	1
Anna Klemetti	2
Blanks	95

SCHOOL COMMITTEE — for One Year

John K. Hobbs — Citz. Cau.	253
Anna E. Klemetti — Nomination paper	176
Blanks	10

LIBRARY TRUSTEES — for Three Years (Two)

Doris M. Fenno — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	358
J. Philip Howard — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	250
Frances Murdock	1
Peter Arcangeli	1
Blanks	268

HAGER PARK COMMISSIONER — for Three Years

Frank S. Smith — Citz. Cau.	357
Blanks	82

TAX COLLECTOR — for One Year

Florence B. Rice — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	350
Peter Arcangeli	1
Blanks	88

CONSTABLE — for One Year

Toivo O. Tuominen — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	392
Walker Brown	1
Blanks	46

TREE WARDEN — for One Year

Peter V. Arcangeli — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	371
Walker Brown	1

William Shay	1
Blanks	66
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Total Number of Votes Cast	439

Completed counting the ballots and the result of the election was announced at seven o'clock P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was called to order at one o'clock P.M. by Moderator J. Philip Howard. Prayer was offered by Rev. Charles A. Hodgman, Jr., Minister at the Baptist Church.

Motion by Moderator J. Philip Howard, seconded by Frederick Savage, and voted not to have the warrant read by the Town Clerk, as in previous years as each article is read by the Moderator before action is taken.

Action was taken on the Article as follows: —

Article 1. Voted that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948, and to issue a note or notes therefor, to be paid within one year, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 2. Motion by James A. Adams, seconded and voted that the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen be accepted, with the addition of Walker Brown.

List as follows: —

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1948

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Frank S. Smith	Laborer
Elmer E. Luoma	Accountant
Fred Chalmers	Plumber
Paul B. Mansur	Merchant
Kaino Poikonen	Peddler
Neil L. J. Marsh	Track Inspector
Guy M. Ralph	Procurement Officer
George Thomas	Wheel-sorter

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Gordon J. Kelly	Master Mechanic
Oiva Walkonen	Manufacturer
Howard I. Smith	Telephone Engineer
William R. Hickey	Transportation
Walter Chatigny	Hospital Supervisor
Howard Winter	Clerk
Walker Brown	

Article 3. Voted that the same three committees as last year serve for the ensuing year. Committees as follows: —

MEASURERS OF WOOD, LUMBER AND BARK

Frank S. Smith	Arthur E. Merriam
Edward Hetu	Henry Waltanen

FIELD DRIVERS

Judson R. Foster	Board of Selectmen	William S. Johnson
	Walter W. Wintturi	

FENCE VIEWERS

Raymond Stockwell	Alfred Jones
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WATER COMMITTEE

Voted that the Water Committee stay in force, and continue for six months, with instructions to report during that time, also that the committee fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dugal C. Laughton.

Article 4. Voted that the Selectmen be chosen as Agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the Town.

Article 5. Voted that the Town empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Article 6. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for the purpose of giving five public band concerts.

Article 7. Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$12,671.38 from Machinery Rental account to Machinery Repair, Purchase and Maintenance account.

Article 8: —

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	
Moderator	\$ 25.00	—	\$ 25.00
Selectmen—\$200. each	600.00	\$ 100.00	700.00
Town Accountant	900.00	400.00	1,300.00
Town Treasurer	150.00	200.00	350.00
Tax Collector	800.00	400.00	1,200.00
Assessors—\$225. each	675.00	600.00	1,275.00
Other Finance	—	50.00	50.00
Town Clerk	100.00	250.00	350.00
Election and Registration	—	275.00	275.00
Board of Public Welfare— \$100. each	300.00	—	300.00
School Committee—\$75. each	225.00	—	225.00
	<u>\$3,775.00</u>	<u>\$2,275.00</u>	
Town Hall, General Maintenance			2,500.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Fire Department	4,450.00
Forest Fire Equipment and Patrol	500.00
Police Protection	1,200.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Moth Department	1,000.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures (Salary and Expense)	65.00
Tree Warden	200.00
Insurance (Fire, Liability and Workmen's Compensation)	1,800.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health (including Dental Clinic)	1,000.00
Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital	3,035.81

HIGHWAYS

(Article 9) General Repairs under Chapter 81	6,000.00
*Bridges (From Excess and Deficiency Fund)	500.00
Snow and Ice (Highways)	8,500.00
Snow and Ice (Sidewalks)	200.00
Street Lighting	1,800.00
Guide Boards	200.00
Sidewalk Repairs	100.00
Article 10. Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
(Article 11) Chapter 90 Construction (From Excess and Deficiency Fund)	8,000.00

CHARITIES

Public Welfare	4,000.00
Mothers' Aid A.D.C.	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance (Administration \$200.00)	17,000.00
Veterans' Benefit	1,200.00

SCHOOLS

Schools (Including Amount from State)	53,726.00
Vocational School	4,995.00

FORBUSH LIBRARY

Not including Dog Fund	\$2,300.00	
Roof Repairs	2,000.00	
		4,300.00

CEMETERIES

Including Income from Trust Funds	2,500.00
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PAYMENTS ON NOTES

*School Note (From Excess and Deficiency Fund)	1,500.00
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UNCLASSIFIED

Interest	275.00
Hager Park Trustees	50.00
World War Memorial	50.00
Memorial Day	135.00
Care of Town Clock	20.00
Printing Town Reports	275.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
(Article 6) Band Concerts	125.00
(Article 13) Overdraft Vocational Education 1947	632.36
(Article 14) Overdraft Snow and Ice 1947	1,649.36
*(Article 15) School Soup Project (From Excess and Deficiency Fund)	900.00
(Article 18) Printing 1948 Valuation and Taxes	500.00
(Article 19) Worcester County Retirement System	718.60
(Article 21) Sidewalk West side of Main Street (Nichols Street to Red & White Store)	1,000.00
(Article 22) Heating Units in Basement of Loughlin School	500.00
(Article 23) Drainage and Fill for School Playgrounds	2,657.50
(Article 24) Installation of Showers, Loughlin School	700.00
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	\$148,709.63

*From Excess and Deficiency Fund	10,900.00
Total Appropriation	<u>\$137,809.63</u>

Under Snow and Ice (Highways) it was voted that if any money is made available from the State for removing snow, that it be so used by the Selectmen.

Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 and that the Library Trustees be authorized to spend up to that amount to have the Library roof repaired.

Article 9. Voted that the sum of \$6,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that in addition, the sum of \$18,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 10. Voted that the sum of \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance and that in addition, the sum of \$2,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County share of the costs of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 11. Voted that the sum of \$8,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction, the reimbursements from the State (\$4,000.00) and the County (\$2,000.00) to be restored upon their receipt to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 12. Voted to pass over the article.

Article 13. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$632.36 to cover an overdraft in Vocational Education for 1947. Voted six to one in favor.

Article 14. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,649.36 to cover an overdraft under Snow and Ice for 1947. Vote of eleven in favor, and one against.

Article 15. Motion by Elmer E. Luoma, seconded, and voted that the Town raise and appropriate from available funds in the Treasury (Excess and Deficiency) the sum of \$900.00 to be administered by the School Committee for the purpose of continuing the School Soup Project.

Article 16. Voted that the Town install a street light adjacent to the property of Walter H. Sunne.

Article 17. Voted that the Town install a street light on Church Street.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to have the valuation and taxes for the year 1948 printed.

Article 19. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$718.60 to cover an assessment by the Treasurer of Worcester County representing the cost of administration of the Worcester County Retirement System for six months ending December 31, 1947.

Article 20. Voted that the Town accept an extension of Church Street leading west from Main Street, a distance of approximately 1,200 feet in length by 40 feet in width, to be improved only as the building of housing units progresses.

Article 21. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to construct a sidewalk on the westerly side of Main Street, entirely on State property, from the intersection of Nichols Street to the end of the present sidewalk at the Red and White store.

Article 22. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be expended under the supervision of the School Committee for the installation of heating units in the basement playroom of the Loughlin School Building.

Article 23. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,657.50 to provide adequate drainage and fill for the Upton and Loughlin School Playgrounds.

Article 24. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 to be handled by the School Committee for the installation of showers in the Loughlin School.

Article 25. Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund to be at the disposal of the Finance Committee as provided in Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws.

Article 26. Voted that the Town accept gratis a parcel of land from the Foster Estate, situated at the rear of the Upton School Building and including a part of the driveway and retaining wall.

Article 27. Voted that the Town transfer from Unappropriated Funds in the Treasury the sum of \$5,000.00 for the erection of a boiler room connected with and at the rear of the Town Hall, and

the installation of an oil-burning heating system for the hall. The boiler room to be made of brick or cement, whichever the Selectmen see fit.

Voted to adjourn the meeting 4:50 P.M.

ESTHER H. HICKS
Town Clerk

RECORD OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

APRIL 27, 1948

At the closing of the polls fifty-three Republican ballots and five Democratic ballots were cast.

The result was as follows:—

REPUBLICAN PARTY VOTE (53)

DELEGATES-AT-LARGE — Group

Robert E. Bradford — Cambridge	47
Leverett Saltonstall — Dover	50
Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. — Beverly	46
Joseph William Martin, Jr. — North Attleborough	43
Clarence A. Barnes — Mansfield	43
Katherine G. Howard — Reading	44
Edwin L. Olander — Northampton	43
Blanks	55

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ALTERNATE DELEGATES — Group

Esther W. Wheeler — Malden	44
Carroll L. Meins — Boston	42
Clara F. Roberts — Arlington	43
Richard V. Wigglesworth — Milton	42
Florence G. Clausson — Wellesley	43
Anne M. Zyfers — Cambridge	42
Milton P. Higgins — Worcester	42
Blanks	73

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DISTRICT DELEGATES — THIRD DISTRICT — Group 1

Albert H. Stone — Gardner	29
Harold J. Walter — Uxbridge	19
Blanks	58

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ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Madge N. Ray — Hudson	19
Claire M. Mayo — Leominster	26
Blanks	61

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DISTRICT DELEGATES — THIRD DISTRICT — Group 2

Winfield A. Schuster — Douglas	32
Richard Comerford — Leominster	35
Blanks	39

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ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Alfred Woollacott — Fitchburg	38
Wanda K. Parker — Fitchburg	31
Blanks	37

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STATE COMMITTEE — THIRD WORCESTER DISTRICT (Two)

Duncan F. Thayer — Lancaster	38
Blanks	15

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Wanda K. Parker — Fitchburg	36
Blanks	17

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TOWN COMMITTEE — Ten

J. Philip Howard	26
Bertha M. Hutchinson	27
Leroy M. Hutchinson	24
Lois F. Innis	23
Elmer E. Luoma	23
Kaino Poikonen	24
Howard I. Smith	24
Raymond I. Stockwell	27
S. Edwin Story	26
Alton H. Stone	23
Porter W. Dawley	3
Walker Brown	1
Louis Innis	1
Howard Family	1
Blanks	277

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY VOTE (5)

DELEGATES-AT-LARGE — Group 1

John W. McCormack — Boston	4
James M. Curley — Boston	2
Thomas J. Buckley — Boston	4
*William J. Foley — Boston	2
Chester J. Dolan, Jr. — Boston	2
Joseph E. Casey — Clinton	4
Charles F. Jeff Sullivan — Worcester	4
Daniel B. Brunton — Springfield	3
Margaret M. O'Riordan — Boston	2
Roger L. Putnam — Springfield	3
Maxwell B. Grossman — Boston	1
Francis E. Kelly — Boston	4
John T. McMorow — Boston	1
David B. Brickley — Boston	2
Joseph A. Scolponeti — Boston	1
Edward P. Gilgun — Woburn	1
Blanks	40

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ALTERNATE DELEGATES — Group 1

William R. Conley — Chelsea	2
Frank T. Y. Goon — Boston	1
Michael A. O'Leary — Cambridge	1
Bernard J. Killion — Boston	1
Clementina Langone — Boston	1
Michael L. Presti — Boston	2
Mary E. McDonald — Boston	1
Charles H. McGlue — Boston	2
Thomas F. Graham — Great Barrington	3
Samuel Michelman — Northampton	3
Rita M. Moylan — Boston	1
Mary Higgins — Boston	1
Charles Collatos — Boston	1
Silas F. Taylor — Boston	2
James T. Violette — Fitchburg	3
Daniel F. Donovan — Boston	2
Blanks	53

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DELEGATES-AT-LARGE — Group 2

Thomas P. O'Neill — Cambridge	2
John George Asiaf — Brockton	0

Stanley Borsa — Springfield	2
Gerald T. Bowler — Holyoke	1
Jeremiah D. Crowley — Boston	0
Joseph T. Conlet — Lawrence	2
Walter A. Cuffe — Lynn	0
C. Gerald Lucey — Brockton	1
Francis V. Matera — Boston	0
Hervey A. Pothier — Haverhill	0
William H. J. Rowan — Revere	1
Colin J. Cameron — Amesbury	2
Charles J. Artesani — Boston	0
Francis X. Casey — Taunton	1
Daniel Rudsten — Boston	1
John M. Shea — Worcester	2
Blanks	65

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ALTERNATE DELEGATES — Group 2

James A. Burke — Boston	1
Joseph E. Duffy — Boston	0
Howard B. Driscoll — Holyoke	1
Gerald P. Lombard — Fitchburg	2
John J. Toomey — Cambridge	0
Robert G. Connolly — Boston	0
Edward J. Mulligan — Boston	1
James J. Twohig, Jr. — Boston	0
Anthony Parenzo — Westfield	1
John G. Curley — Springfield	2
Patrick Cronin — Chelsea	0
Harold C. Nagle — Fall River	0
Thomas F. Reilly — Boston	0
John H. O'Connor, Jr. — Worcester	2
James E. Hannon — Lee	2
Frank B. Oliveira — Fall River	1
Blanks	67

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DELEGATES-AT-LARGE — Not Grouped

James A. Bowes — North Adams	3
Francis E. Cassidy — Webster	2
Lawrence W. Caton — New Bedford	0
Joseph H. Downey — Brockton	1
Leo A. Gosselin — Bellingham	1
Thomas A. Keating — Chelsea	0
Mathias P. LaPierre — Leominster	2

Leo F. McGrath — Peabody	1
James Leo O'Connor — Dover	0
James F. Reynolds — Everett	0
George W. Stanton — Fitchburg	1
Alice D. Sullivan — Watertown	1
Blanks	48
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ALTERNATE DELEGATES — Not Grouped

Marie F. Akey — Greenfield	2
Thomas B. Brennan — Medford	0
Joseph J. Buckley — Boston	1
John C. Carr — Medford	2
Lawrence E. Corcoran — Arlington	1
Frederick M. Kelley — Saugus	0
Ida C. McDonough — Boston	0
Edward McLaughlin — Boston	0
Wilfred J. Paquet — Watertown	1
Luke Ryan — Northampton	1
Anna A. Sharey — Worcester	2
Jacob W. Shinberg — Haverhill	0
Wanda Walczak — Salem	1
Blanks	54
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DISTRICT DELEGATES — THIRD DISTRICT — Group 1

F. Stanley Mikelk — Hardwick	1
J. Ralph Rocheford — Palmer	3
Blanks	6
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ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Peter J. Rzeznikiewicz — Ware	0
Frank J. Salvo — Barre	1
Blanks	9
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DISTRICT DELEGATES — THIRD DISTRICT — Group 2

Arthur U. Mahan — Leominster	4
Bernard T. Moynihan — Fitchburg	2
Blanks	4
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ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Charles J. Skladzien — Webster	2
Fred A. Blake — Gardner	3
Blanks	5
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STATE COMMITTEE — THIRD WORCESTER DISTRICT (Two)

Clarence J. Durkin — Fitchburg	3
Blanks	2
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Rena M. McGinnis — Fitchburg	3
Blanks	2
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TOWN COMMITTEE — Ten

None	None
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ESTHER H. HICKS

Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

AUGUST 19, 1948

Article 1. Voted that the Town abandon and discontinue the so-called Round Meadow road No. 45, eleven hundredths of a mile long.

Article 2. Voted that the Town abandon and discontinue the northeast end of Leominster Street so-called No. 43 from the junction of Depot Road to the Fitchburg-Westminster Line.

Article 3. Voted that the Town transfer a sum of money remaining from the Library Roof Repair appropriation, for use in making interior repairs to the Library.

Article 4. Voted that the Town accept Ripley Road as a public way in accordance with the layout of such way on file with the Town Clerk.

Article 5. Motion by Walker Brown, seconded and voted that the report of the Water Committee be accepted and their recommendations carried out.

Article 6. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$300.00 from available unappropriated funds in the Treasury for the use of the Water Committee.

Article 7. Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency fund to purchase a new combination fire truck. Purchase to be made by the Board of Selectmen and Fire Engineers with delivery to be made on or after March 1, 1949.

Article 8. Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Chapter 90 Highway Construction appropriation, to be used for the application of road oil on other highways.

Article 9. Voted that the Town authorize the moving of the old hearse-house to a location behind the Town Garage for the storing of highway materials.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 P.M.

ESTHER H. HICKS
Town Clerk

RECORD OF STATE PRIMARY

SEPTEMBER 14, 1948

Republican ballots cast	290
Democratic ballots cast	31
Total	321

Results were as follows:—

REPUBLICAN PARTY VOTE

GOVERNOR

Robert F. Bradford — Cambridge	210
Edward M. Rowe — Cambridge	59
Blanks	21

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Arthur W. Coolidge — Reading	233
Blanks	57

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SECRETARY

Frederick W. Cook — Somerville	234
Blanks	56

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TREASURER

Laurence Curtis — Boston	230
Blanks	60
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AUDITOR

Douglas Lawson — Boston	58
Edwin L. Olander, Jr. — Northampton	61
Wallace E. Stearns — Boston	10
Russell A. Wood — Cambridge	88
Blanks	73
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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Clarence A. Barnes — Mansfield	224
Blanks	66
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SENATOR-IN-CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall — Dover	245
Blanks	45
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CONGRESSMAN — THIRD DISTRICT

Carroll H. Balcom — Clinton	201
Blanks	89
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COUNCILLOR — SEVENTH DISTRICT

Warren G. Harris — Millbury	180
Henry J. Oletz — Worcester	8
Paul B. Sharon — Worcester	34
Blanks	68
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SENATOR — THIRD WORCESTER DISTRICT

Richard D. Roux — Fitchburg	217
Blanks	73
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REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT —

SECOND WORCESTER DISTRICT

J. Philip Howard — Westminster	162
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Willard Ide Shattuck — Fitchburg	125
Blanks	3
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REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY—WORCESTER COUNTY	
George E. Rice — Spencer	211
Blanks	79
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (Two) — WORCESTER COUNTY	
Elbert M. Crockett — Milford	181
Leslie M. Willard — Fitchburg	195
Blanks	204
	580
COUNTY TREASURER — WORCESTER COUNTY	
John W. Fellows — Boylston	223
Blanks	67
	290

DEMOCRATIC PARTY VOTE

GOVERNOR	
Paul A. Dever — Cambridge	16
Maurice J. Tobin — Boston	12
Blanks	3
	31
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	
Edward P. Barry — Wellesley	2
Benedict F. Fitzgerald Jr. — Cambridge	5
Charles F. Jeff Sullivan — Worcester	18
Blanks	6
	31
SECRETARY	
Edward J. Cronin — Chelsea	10
Jerome Patrick Troy — Boston	8
Blanks	13
	31

TREASURER

John F. Hurley — Boston	21
Blanks	10
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	31

AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley — Boston	23
Blanks	8
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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Enrico Cappucci — Boston	4
John F. Kelley — Cambridge	5
Francis E. Kelley — Boston	9
Patrick Gilbert Sullivan — Boston	4
Blanks	9
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SENATOR-IN-CONGRESS

John I. Fitzgerald — Boston	5
Francis D. Harrigan — Boston	7
Joseph A. Langone, Jr. — Boston	3
John D. Lynch — Cambridge	2
Richard M. Russell — Boston	6
Blanks	8
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CONGRESSMAN — THIRD DISTRICT

Philip J. Philbin — Clinton	24
Blanks	7
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COUNCILLOR — SEVENTH DISTRICT

John J. O'Brien — Worcester	16
Timothy F. Shea — Worcester	3
Blanks	12
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SENATOR — THIRD WORCESTER DISTRICT

George W. Stanton — Fitchburg	18
Myles O'Malley — Clinton	10
Blanks	3
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REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT —

SECOND WORCESTER DISTRICT

Willard I. Shattuck — Fitchburg	8
Blanks	23

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REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY—WORCESTER COUNTY

F. Joseph Donohue — Worcester	16
Blanks	15

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS — WORCESTER COUNTY (Two)

Francis E. Cassidy — Webster	11
P. Eugene Casey — Milford	9
Charles M. Kelley — Athol	5
William H. Ryder — Clinton	3
Blanks	34

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COUNTY TREASURER — WORCESTER COUNTY

John E. Brosnihan — Worcester	7
Robert F. Fitzgerald — Worcester	5
Alexander G. Lajoie — Worcester	5
Gerald C. O'Toole — Worcester	2
Blanks	12

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ESTHER H. HICKS
Town Clerk

RECORD OF
PRESIDENTIAL AND STATE ELECTION

NOVEMBER 2, 1948

The polls were closed at five-thirty o'clock P.M. with the ballot box registering nine hundred and twenty-nine ballots cast as follows:

903 regular ballots
26 absentee ballots

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

Republican	Dewey and Warren	550
Soc. Labor	Teichert and Emery	0
Democrat	Truman and Barkley	327
Progressive	Wallace and Taylor	28
Prohibition	Watson and Learn	1
	Thomas and Smith	3
	Blanks	20
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GOVERNOR

Republican	Robert F. Bradford	501
Democrat	Paul A. Dever	389
Soc. Labor	Horace I. Hillis	5
Prohibition	Mark R. Shaw	1
	Blanks	33
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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Republican	Arthur W. Coolidge	494
Democrat	Charles F. Jeff Sullivan	382
Soc. Labor	Lawrence Gilfedder	10
Prohibition	Guy S. Williams	3
	Blanks	40
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SECRETARY

Republican	Frederic W. Cook	565
Democrat	Edward J. Cronin	298
Soc. Labor	Gote E. Palmquist	10
	Blanks	56
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TREASURER

Republican	Laurence Curtis	530
Democrat	John E. Hurley	329
Prohibition	Harold J. Ireland	2
Soc. Labor	Malcolm T. Rowe	10
	Blanks	58
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AUDITOR

Democrat	Thomas J. Buckley	392
Republican	Russell A. Wood	447
Prohibition	Robert A. Simmons	3
Soc. Labor	Francis A. Votano	10
	Blanks	77
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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Republican	Clarence A. Barnes	525
Democrat	Francis E. Kelly	314
Soc. Labor	Anthony Martin	16
	Blanks	74
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SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Republican	Leverett Saltonstall	583
Democrat	John I. Fitzgerald	282
Soc. Labor	Henning A. Blomen	8
Prohibition	E. Tallmadge Root	2
	Blanks	54
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CONGRESSMEN — THIRD DISTRICT

Democrat	Philip J. Philbin	531
Republican	Carroll H. Balcom	347
	Blanks	51
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COUNCILLOR — SEVENTH DISTRICT

Republican	Warren G. Harris	497
Democrat	John J. O'Brien	342
	Blanks	90
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SENATOR — THIRD WORCESTER DISTRICT

Democrat	George W. Stanton	275
Republican	Richard D. Roux	609
	Blanks	45
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REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
SECOND WORCESTER DISTRICT

Republican	J. Philip Howard	637
	Willard I. Shattuck	5
	D. Miller	1
	Blanks	286
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REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY
WORCESTER COUNTY

Democrat	F. Joseph Donohue	383
Republican	Rene A. Brassard	438
	Blanks	108
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS — WORCESTER COUNTY (Two)

Democrat	Francis E. Cassidy	278
Republican	Elbert M. Crockett	426
Democrat	P. Eugene Casey	232
Republican	Leslie M. Willard	507
	Blanks	415
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COUNTY TREASURER — WORCESTER COUNTY

Republican	John W. Fellows	534
Democrat	Alexander G. Lajoie	308
	Blanks	87
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QUESTION NO. 1 — FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Yes	600
No	96
Blanks	233
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QUESTION NO. 2 — FUEL TAXES FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES

Yes	620
No	84
Blanks	225
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QUESTION No. 3	
SUCCESSION OF CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS	
Yes	543
No	97
Blanks	289
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QUESTION No. 4 — MEDICAL CONTRACEPTIVE	
Yes	571
No	227
Blanks	131
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QUESTION No. 5 — MEMBERSHIP IN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS	
Yes	329
No	412
Blanks	188
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QUESTION No. 6 — ELECTION OF UNION OFFICERS	
Yes	423
No	318
Blanks	188
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QUESTION No. 7 — STRIKES BY LABOR ORGANIZATIONS	
Yes	428
No	322
Blanks	179
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QUESTION No. 8	
PRESIDENT: LIMITATION OF YEARS IN OFFICE	
Yes	459
No	215
Blanks	255
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QUESTION No. 9 — ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	
A. Yes	389
No	413
Blanks	127
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B.	Yes	370
	No	400
	Blanks	159
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C.	Yes	520
	No	310
	Blanks	99
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ESTHER H. HICKS
Town Clerk

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

For the Year Ending December 31, 1948

Note: If any error in names or dates are noticed, or any omissions, please inform the Town Clerk.

Births recorded	52
Deaths recorded	31
Brought in Town for Burial (non-residents)	15
Marriages	40

BIRTHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Names of Parents</i>
Jan. 2	Mary Elizabeth Dumas	Edward and Shirley (Beam)
Jan. 3	Joan Carol Sutela	Frederick and Mercy V. (Celli)
Jan. 8	Russell Ralph VanHazinga	Andrew A. and Amy V. (Wartiainen)
Jan. 9	Steven James Onischuk	Frank and Betty June (Latham)
Jan. 11	Larry Michael Streeter	Elmer and Laila (Sutela)
Jan. 26	Maureen Bogdanowicz	Anthony J. and Regina V. (Tarmasewicz)
Jan. 31	Cynthia Anne Graves	Joseph Clifford and Mary Jane (Cloutier)
Feb. 2	Linda Marie Holmes	Floyd Thomas and Mar- garet Anna (Arsenault)
Feb. 11	Sally Ann Savola	Aarne and Aune (Ahola)
Feb. 13	Wilfred Francis Rameau	Wilfred and Virginia (Jordan)
Feb. 14	Robert Chester Bennett, Jr.	Robert C. and Juliette (Richard)
Feb. 14	Ann Lillian Williams	John and Lillian (Goguen)
Feb. 20	Susan Grace Tkaczyk	Anthony John and Irma Frances (Chipman)
Mar. 6	Kathy Louise Newcombe	Douglas P. and Phyllis (Wood)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Names of Parents</i>
Mar. 8	Barbara Louise Jones	Thomas Theodore and Nathalie Gould (Hall)
April 5	Carol Faye Reed	Earl L. and Philomena (Piermarochi)
April 9	David Charles Adams	Charles P. and Loretta (Boyer)
April 10	Robert Edward Hitchcock	Edward Walter and Eliza- beth (Sawyer)
April 12	Bruce Richard Baker	Chester J. and Catherine (Sheppard)
April 13	Timothy Edward Wilkins	Edward Henry and Pauline V. (Hartnett)
April 16	Dorothy Jean Lombard	Vincent Augustine and Mil- dred Elizabeth (Symons)
May 1	John Heywood, Jr.	John and Gertrude S. (Stearns)
May 6	Linda Lee Gray	Donald Gilbert and Nellie (Elesevicz)
May 31	Mary Lynne Vine	Homer Raymond and Edith (Abar)
June 7	Sally Grace Brigham	Orrin Abner and Alice Ma- rie (Adamson)
June 13	Linda Jane Leavenworth	Edwin and Evelyn (Grondin)
Aug. 6	Patricia Ann MacAloney	William Brenton, Jr. and Anna (Schepens)
Aug. 12	Linda Marie Dube	Jeffrey Joseph and Rose E. (Vincent)
Aug. 19	Bruce Edwin Muhonen	Einar Edwin and Marjorie Edith (Miller)
Aug. 19	Denis John Baker	Preston A. and Grace (Jarvis)
Aug. 19	Robert Douglas Caton	Arthur B., Sr. and Alice (Leger)
Aug. 25	Beverly Jean Scott	Stephen Ray and Marjorie Esther (Lemieux)
Aug. 27	John Stephen Aalto	Wilho Stephen and Lempi Helena (Tuomi)
Sept. 1	David Frank May	Robert Badger and Helen Grace (Petruskas)
Sept. 12	Nancy Geraldine Stone	Alton Harold and Geraldine Myrtle (Wetherbee)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Names of Parents</i>
Sept. 21	Nancy Waterman	Delbert Rodney and Charlotte (Gilcrest)
Oct. 9	Allan Arthur Braks	Tauno Frederick and Agnes Tuulikki (Katajamaki)
Oct. 19	Linda Helen Luoma	Thomas and Helen (Niemi)
Oct. 20	Margaret Susan Melanson	William Samuel and Lottie Grace (Willis)
Oct. 25	Anja Karen Makela	Karl H. and Saimi (Pesonen)
Nov. 17	Donna Louise Owen	Ralph Osgood and Sara Charlotte (Hatch)
Nov. 22	Elaine Carol Elola	John Ernest and Bertha Ino (Kurikka)
Nov. 26	Diane Richardson Prescott	Wellington and Helen (Richardson)
Dec. 1	Alan Robert White	Roger George and Evelyn Marie (Sundnas)
Dec. 2	Bryan David LeBlanc	Denis Edward and Kathleen Florence (Tiffeault)
Dec. 3	Charles Edward Hurd	Roy Edward and Ruth Lillian (Packard)
Dec. 5	Julia Elizabeth Savage	Frederick J., Jr. and Martha (French)
Dec. 6	Martha Karen Ringquist	Carl, Jr. and Esther (Leavenworth)
Dec. 6	Gary George Green	George and Lillian (Niemi)
Dec. 14	Susan Marie Barthel	Leon Paul and Dorothy Phyllis (Andreasson)
Dec. 28	Mary Linda Smith	Willis and Miriam (Phajari)
Dec. 29	Cheryl Anne Sousa	Arthur J. and Elva L. (Banks)

DEATHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
Jan. 7	Bela Watson Blood	96	6	15
Jan. 23	Fannie Eliza Bennett	84	3	16
Feb. 10	George Ernest Nitsche	65	—	—
Feb. 20	Emma Lucas	76	4	12
Mar. 1*	Monroe W. Towle	80	2	21
Mar. 25	Nick M. Kaustinen	65	1	8
Mar. 27	William A. Shay	54	11	13
April 28	Oscar Maki	61?	—	—
May 8	Richard Marcy	71	10	14
May 8	Edward S. Anderson	37	1	18
May 10	Amanda L. Friech	94	3	2

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
May 19	Lucius Winfield French	74	2	28
June 5	Ruth (Perly) Gordon	65	6	9
June 9	Eino Olavi Savilampi	26	3	6
June 12	Marion (Walker) Towle	56	9	2
June 23	Percival Jones-Henry	77	9	23
June 27	Wesley H. Salo	26	1	1
July 1	Minnie H. Herold	71	3	22
July 1	Louis Romano	38	4	9
July 27	James William Holmes	52	1	6
Mar. 13*	Margaret Smith	6	—	—
Mar. 13*	Linda Smith	3	6	29
Sept. 11	Agnes Toivonen	68	11	—
Nov. 1	Edith M. Nelson	52	2	24
Nov. 10	Nellie A. Cotton	77	?	?
Nov. 19	Henry Keskinen	58	10	—
Nov. 22	Katri S. Parnanen	65	2	—
Nov. 24	Caroline Ramgren	78	7	17
Dec. 9	Reinhardt Popp, Jr.	50	7	24
Dec. 10	Edgar Norton Stevenson	62	10	10
Dec. 19	Liini Helala	79	4	1
WORLD WAR II VETERAN FROM OVERSEAS				
?	Private Urho Sakkinen	29	—	—

BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL
(NON-RESIDENTS)

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>
Feb. 1	Emily B. Phelps	Fitchburg	76	7	15
Feb. 3	Erma A. Prest	New Braintree	47	—	—
Mar. 5	James McNamee	Worcester	76	6	14
Mar. 18	Isabelle Scott Glendenning,	Gardner	71	2	4
April 15	Mae J. Nichols	Leominster	76	1	1
May 10	Malvina H. Smith	Gardner	74	11	—
July 10	Florence M. Foster	Fitchburg	72	3	12
Aug. 11	Carolyn Lavers Purcell	Boston	65	10	16
Aug. 20	L. Gertrude Sprague	Northboro	70	6	5
Aug. 30	Jennie Jones	Everett	88	1	5
Sept. 8	Carrie E. (Willis) Hicks	Gardner	81	9	26
Sept. 9	Myron E. Harvey	Leominster	65	2	30
Sept. 29	Frank A. Nichols	Gardner	81	5	4
Oct. 1	Lean E. Trull	Fitchburg	65	11	4
Dec. 3	Addie L. Eaton	Springfield	86	2	21

MARRIAGES

<i>Date and Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
January 24 Otter River (Templeton)	Adelard J. Poirier Edris J. Brewer	Gardner Westminster
February 12 Westminster	James Donald Hurley Alice Loretta LaBossiere	Fitchburg Westminster
February 14 Westminster	Thomas Elmer Luoma Helen Josephine Niemi	Westminster Westminster
February 14 Durham, N. H.	Matti William Sivula Ruth Eileen Rinta	Westminster Durham, N. H.
March 13 Westminster	Arthur V. Holm Sylvia T. Hokkanen	Westminster Westminster
March 14 Fitchburg	Tauno F. Braks Agnos T. Katajamaki	Westminster South Ashburnham
March 27 Fitzwilliam, N. H.	Robert John Shea Marjorie Edna Alisauskas	Gardner Westminster
April 3 Westminster	Lewis Norman Hayward Francis Marie Page	Gardner Westminster
April 10 Westminster	Herve Doiron Marilyn Edna Remse	Westminster Westminster
April 24 Watertown	Harold Reginald Scammell Evelyn Suzanne Calder	Westminster Watertown
May 15 Fitchburg	Andre Henry Forest Esther Miriam Clarkson	Fitchburg Westminster
May 23 Westminster	Arthur Herman Knowler Alice Eleanor Scott	Westfield Buckland
June 5 Fitchburg	William Ketola Maila Mildred Waltanen	Quincy Westminster
June 14 Fitchburg	Arthur Frederick Trudel Anne Sarah Donelan	Westminster Fitchburg

<i>Date and Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
June 19 Fitchburg	John Hammond Lothrop Beverly Ann Handlin	Fitchburg Westminster
June 25 Fitchburg	Arthur Aaron Friberg Katherine Johanna Savola	Westminster Fitchburg
June 26 Fitchburg	Michael Joseph Cavaoli Mary Ann Bonina	Leominster Westminster
June 26 South Ashburnham	Glenn Edward Huiett Marjorie Louise Heughins	Salem, Ore. Westminster
July 1 Gardner	Delphin Joseph Gallant Laura Mary (Richard) LeBlanc	Westminster Gardner
July 14 Worcester	William S. Kujanpaa Fannie H. (Paapanen) Alanen	Westminster Worcester
July 24 Westminster	Edgar Allan Holmes Esther Elizabeth (LaBarge) Jerome	Westminster Winchendon
August 21 Westminster	Robert Justen Mausert, Jr. Edith Russell Stanbridge	Orlando, Fla. DeLand, Fla.
August 26 Gardner	Leon E. Cole Elmire M. (Girouard) Nadeau	Westminster Gardner
September 1 Westminster	Edwin Howarth Bilson Nellie Dora Jones	Westminster Fitchburg
September 3 Westminster	Gilbert Eber Lashua Althea Irene Dorow	Westminster Westminster
September 4 Westminster	Robert John Luoma Joan Ann Henstridge	Westminster Westminster
September 6 Gardner	Eino Y. Kurikka Lillian B. Handy	Westminster Holden
September 6 Fitchburg	Emile Joseph Basque Doris Anna Boucher	Fitchburg Westminster

<i>Date and Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
September 7 Fitchburg	Abram William Hautaniemi Hilma (Puusaari) Wiinikainen	Fitchburg Westminster
September 18 Westminster	Lee Austin Aldrich Shirley Russell	Fitchburg Fitchburg
September 18 South Royalston	William Andrew Parnanen Gertrude Maria Kirkman	Westminster South Royalston
September 26 Westminster	Hector Joseph St. John Nancy Kendall Rice	Alburgh, Vt. Westminster
October 2 Westminster	Ralph W. Parkhurst Mary Jane (Hebert) LaFortune	Ashburnham Ashburnham
October 16 Leominster	Arthur Elmore Merriam Nicolina Palma Franciosi	Westminster Leominster
November 6 Fitchburg	Warren Walker Towle Lorraine Bernadette Walsh	Westminster Westminster
November 20 Fitchburg	Pasquale Buttafuoco Jeannette Laura Rameau	Fitchburg Westminster
November 27 Fitchburg	Eino Evert Niinimaki Aune Linnea Keskinen	Fitchburg Westminster
December 3 North Orange	Joseph David Mercier Edna Christine Moore	Westminster North Orange
December 12 Westminster	Colin Buist Robertson Marion Hazel Josephs	Westminster Westminster
December 14 Westminster	John Hendrick Heimo, Jr. Aune Ellen Merila	Westminster Fitchburg

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1948

Licenses have been issued to the following persons: —

Aalto, Eino	\$2.00	Clarkson, Samuel F.	5.00
Abar, E. J.	2.00	Codding, A. E.	2.00
Adams, Jr., Joseph	2.00	Codding, Jr., A. E.	2.00
Aho, Lauri	2.00	Conant, Richard	2.00
Aho, Matti	2.00	Coombs, Brian	2.00
Ahola, John	5.00	Cossaboom, Janet L.	2.00
Andreasson, Selfred (2)	4.00	Cummings, Burt P. (2)	4.00
Anttila, Henry	2.00	Czerwinski, Frank W.	2.00
Arcangeli, Dante	2.00	Dahm, Maynard L.	2.00
Arcangeli, Virginia	2.00	Dauphinais, Delia	2.00
Ball, Arnold	2.00	Davis, Harry	2.00
Ballou, Georgia	5.00	Dewey, Martin	2.00
Barrett, Edward (2)	4.00	Dube, Jeffrey	2.00
Beers, Raymond P.	2.00	Dugan, Mary	2.00
Bellucci, Cosmos	2.00	Dunn, Helen	2.00
Bennett, Sr., Wm. (2)	7.00	Dupuis, Alfred	2.00
Bilson, K. J.	2.00	Dupuis, Henry	2.00
Blais, Mrs. J. J.	2.00	Earle, Minnie E.	5.00
Bonnallie, Everett	2.00	Elola, John	2.00
Boucher, Joseph	2.00	Engman, George A.	2.00
Boucher, Robert	2.00	Erickson, Fred	5.00
Boudreau, Joseph A.	2.00	Esancy, Preston	2.00
Bradford, W.	2.00	Eskeli, Eugene O.	2.00
Breau, Alfred	2.00	Fenno, Margaret	2.00
Butterfield, Vance	2.00	Ferris, Norma	2.00
Cannon, E. A. (3)	6.00	Forsell, Waino	2.00
Carbone, Joseph	2.00	Foster, Jr., Ralph S.	2.00
Card, Edward	2.00	Fred, George A.	2.00
Carey, John	2.00	French, Alan	2.00
Caron, R.	2.00	Friberg, Edith	2.00
Caswell, H. E.	2.00	Gale, Ethel T.	5.00
Charlton, Malcolm	2.00	Gallant, Delphin	2.00
Clark, W.	2.00	Garvick, Edward W.	2.00
Clarkson, Robert	2.00	Gauthier, Joseph	5.00

Gebo, Frederick	2.00	Kahkola, Eli P.	2.00
Gilman, R. W.	2.00	Kajander, Arvo	2.00
Gordon, Sidney	2.00	Kamila, Adolph	5.00
Green, Lillian	2.00	Kantola, Linda	2.00
Greenough, C. L.	5.00	Karkkainen, Antti	2.00
Greenwood, Lois (2)	4.00	Kelley, Gordon	2.00
Haakamaa, John	2.00	Kelty, Lester J.	2.00
Hakkila, Aileen	2.00	Kennedy, Harold (2)	7.00
Hakkila, Raymond	2.00	Kinnari, Ida	2.00
Halpin, Elliot	2.00	Klemetti, K. Ilmari	2.00
Hancock, Melvin (2)	4.00	Kotoski, Boleslaw	2.00
Handlin, Beverly	2.00	Kotka, Waino	2.00
Happonen, Alisa	2.00	Kujanpaa, Paul	2.00
Harju, Helena	2.00	Kulkkula, Eleanor	2.00
Hebert, A. P.	2.00	Kuriger, Fred	2.00
Heikkila, Eino A.	2.00	Kurikka, Eino	2.00
Heimo, Jr., John	2.00	LaFleur, James	2.00
Heins, Jr., Wm. R.	2.00	Lahikainen, Otto	2.00
Henstridge, George	2.00	Lahtinen, Ahti	5.00
Hermes, N. M.	2.00	Lahtinen, Charles	2.00
Herold, Minnie H.	2.00	Laine, John	2.00
Herold, Roger W.	2.00	Laitinen, Arma	2.00
Heywood, Seth	5.00	Laitinen, Matti	2.00
Hills, Jr., Phillips A.	2.00	Lamsa, Toivo	2.00
Hines, Everett	2.00	Landry, Louis (2)	10.00
Hirvonen, Norman (2)	4.00	Lanoué, Wilfred	2.00
Hitchcock, Edward W.	2.00	Lanson, Beverly	2.00
Holm, Arthur	2.00	Lanson, Onni W.	2.00
Holm, Carl A.	2.00	LaQuire, Maynard	5.00
Holm, Carl F.	2.00	Larson, M.	2.00
Honkala, Oiva	2.00	Laughton, Dugal	2.00
Howard, John	5.00	Laughton, Elizabeth Ann	2.00
Howard, Stanley	5.00	Laughton, Helen	2.00
Hurme, Arnold E.	2.00	Laukkanen, Linda	2.00
Huusari, Andrew	2.00	Lavoie, Joseph	2.00
Hutchinson, Bertha	2.00	Lawler, Robert P. (2)	4.00
Innerasky, Herbert	2.00	Lawrence, Eric	2.00
Innis, Lois F.	2.00	Leavenworth, Edwin (2)	7.00
Jaaskelainen, H.	2.00	Leavenworth, Gordon F.	2.00
Jamsa, Wm. (2)	4.00	Leavenworth, Jr.,	
Jarvenpaa, Eino	2.00	Gordon	2.00
Jean, Philip (3)	9.00	LeClair, Raymond	2.00
Jenkins, William	2.00	LeClair, Ronald	2.00
Johnson, Frank V.	2.00	L'Ecuier, Herman	5.00
Johnson, Raymond	2.00	Leger, Real J. (2)	7.00

Lehtola, Atso	5.00	Nygard, Gail	2.00
Lepore, Joseph (2)	4.00	Oja, Frank	2.00
Liimitainen, Walter	2.00	Ojala, Jacob E.	2.00
Lilius, Walter	2.00	Ojala, Wilho	2.00
Lindquist, Carl N.	2.00	Okkonen, Hilja	2.00
Lindroth, Leonard	2.00	O'Neill, John M.	2.00
Lindroth, Mildred	2.00	Owen, Ralph	2.00
Lindstrom, Eskil A. (2)	4.00	Owler, Robert N.	5.00
Lucander, Vilho (2)	4.00	Owler, Thomas D.	5.00
Luke, Gladys	2.00	Page, Audrey and Helen	2.00
Luoma, Robert	2.00	Pakkila, Armas	2.00
Luomala, John	2.00	Percy, Laura D.	2.00
MacAloney, Cora	2.00	Peterson, Onni	2.00
MacAloney, Wm. B.	2.00	Phillips, Norman	2.00
McAdams, Jr.,		Pienimaa, Kalle	5.00
Leon H. (2)	4.00	Pipping, Paul O.	2.00
McConlogue, Patricia	2.00	Poikonen, Alan	2.00
Makela, Andrew J.	2.00	Prouty, Samuel L.	5.00
Makela, Karl	5.00	Rameau, Arthur (2)	4.00
Maki, Kusti	5.00	Rameau, Samuel	2.00
Mannila, Onni	5.00	Rameau, William (2)	4.00
Mansur, Edith U. (3)	6.00	Rautaruusu, Jonko	2.00
Mason, Robert C.	2.00	Reisman, Richard	2.00
Mattson, William	2.00	Rense, Arthur (2)	10.00
May, Robert	2.00	Reynolds, Kenneth	5.00
May, Wilson	2.00	Rice, Nancy	2.00
Merriam, Jr., Arthur	2.00	Robillard, Walter	2.00
Merriam, Helen	2.00	Rogers, Arthur B.	2.00
Meuer, Annetta	2.00	Roiha, Maria	2.00
Minkkinen, Otto	2.00	Roper, Clarence G. (2)	4.00
Morse, Leone M. (2)	4.00	Rousseau, Adelard	2.00
Morse, Patricia	2.00	Russ, Lucie	2.00
Morse, Patsy	2.00	Russell, Shirley	2.00
Moryl, Sr., Frank	2.00	Ruuska, Edwin	5.00
Muhonen, Harold	2.00	Ryan, Helen R. (2)	7.00
Murdock, Warren J.	2.00	Sakkinen, Herman (2)	4.00
Nappila, Violet	2.00	Salo, Andrew	2.00
Nash, George O. (8)	16.00	Salo, Eino	2.00
Nelson, Edith	2.00	Sanford, Roland K.	2.00
Nelson, Jesse	5.00	Sargent, Ann	2.00
Newcomb, Douglas P.	2.00	Seaver, Roella	2.00
Niemi, Kasper	2.00	Sellman, Toivo	2.00
Noel, Exzelia	2.00	Semenuk, Walter (2)	4.00
Noel, St. Denis	2.00	Shay, Mrs. Wm. A.	2.00
Norton, James	2.00	Shepard, Beatrice L.	2.00

Silvonen, Hjalmar	2.00	Tuuri, Eugene	2.00
Skidmore, Herbert	5.00	Vieweg, Bertha	2.00
Smith, Allen	2.00	Viita, Hanna	2.00
Smith, Ernest E.	2.00	Wainonen, Toivo	2.00
Smith, Harriet	2.00	Walkonen, Oiva	2.00
Smith, Howard I.	2.00	Walton, Dorothy	2.00
Smith, Joseph J. (2)	4.00	Waltonen, Henry	2.00
Smith, Mary	2.00	Waronen, Allan	2.00
Smith, Paul K.	2.00	Wasara, Lauri	5.00
Soini, Waino	2.00	Wasara, Reino	2.00
Stockwell, William B.	2.00	Waterman, D. R.	2.00
St. John, Walter	2.00	Westerfors, Eric	2.00
Stone, George	2.00	Wiggins, Frank A.	2.00
Streeter, Carrie	2.00	Wiinikainen, Waino	2.00
Streeter, Elmer	2.00	Wilen, Anselm	2.00
Strom, Harold	2.00	Wilen, Toivo	2.00
Sunne, Edna	2.00	Williams, John	2.00
Sunne, Sr., Walter (2)	7.00	Wilson, Ernest	2.00
Suomela, Michael	2.00	Wilson, Hugo	2.00
Sutela, Eino E.	2.00	Winchenback, Alton J.	2.00
Tandy, Arthur	2.00	Winter, Eino	2.00
Taylor, Elwood	2.00	Wintturi, Jr.,	
Thomas, June	2.00	Walter W.	2.00
Trudel, Antonio	2.00	Wintturi, William	2.00
Tuomi, Axel	2.00	Wiswell, George F.	2.00
Tuominen, Toivo	2.00	Wuth, Ethel	2.00
Turner, Corinne	2.00	Young, Ralph E.	2.00

Total	\$795.00
Kennel licenses issued to the following:	
Grenier, Albert J.	10.00
Hintala, Eino A.	10.00
Kowalewski, Jeannette B.	50.00
Nash, George O.	25.00
Otto, Luther	25.00
Salo, Lennard	10.00
1947 licenses issued in 1948: —	
Johnson, Frank V.	2.00
Kotka, Waino	2.00
Rameau, George	5.00

Young, Ralph E.	2.00
Total	\$936.00
Clerk's Fees	69.80
Amount Paid to Town Treasurer to December 31, 1948	\$866.20
Transfer licenses (two) issued to Clyde Miller.	

ESTHER H. HICKS
Town Clerk

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31st, 1948

Cash on hand January 1st, 1948	\$ 51,574.87
Received from Tax Collector 1947 Taxes	8,101.29
Received from Tax Collector 1948 Taxes	90,210.26
Received from Tax Collector 1947 Excise Taxes	296.46
Received from Tax Collector 1948 Excise Taxes	7,873.47
Interest on All Taxes	238.84
Demands	16.10
Metropolitan Water District, Direct Tax	15.75
Income on Library Funds	217.20
Income on Water Fund	220.00

TRANSFERS FROM TRUST FUNDS

Frederick W. Smith Worthy Poor Fund	300.00
Joseph Hager School Fund	200.00
Upton School Fund	374.90
Daniel W. Sanders Cemetery Fund	11.00
Joseph Barrell Cemetery Fund	10.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	259.70
Taxes Withheld on Salaries and Wages	4,039.10
All Other Receipts as shown on the Report of the Town Accountant	112,289.19

Total 1948 Receipts	\$276,248.13
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Expended on Warrants Approved by the Selectmen	\$205,103.54
Cash on hand and in banks December 31st, 1948	71,144.59
	\$276,248.13

NOTES PAYABLE

Schoolhouse Notes	\$ 9,000.00
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TRUST FUNDS

JOSEPH HAGER SCHOOL FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 4,000.00	
Gardner Trust Company	5,976.63	
Leominster Savings Bank	2,000.00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	2,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 14,476.63
Principal, \$14,463.67		

PRESTON P. ELLIS SCHOOL FUND

Fitchburg Savings Bank	\$ 500.00	
Gardner Trust Company	353.31	
	<hr/>	\$ 853.31
Principal, \$842.35		

FREDERICK W. SMITH POOR FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 5,625.69	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Gardner Savings Bank	5,821.60	
Athol Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Leominster Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	6,851.00	
Worcester County Institution for Savings	3,000.00	
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	3,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 36,298.29
Principal, \$35,985.99		

MILTON A. CREED CEMETERY WALL FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 1,323.82	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,323.82
Principal, \$1,310.69		

CHARLES R. DUTTON SCHOOL FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 937.02	
	<hr/>	\$ 937.02
Principal, \$927.73		

DANIEL W. SANDERS CEMETERY FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 2,294.63	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,294.63
Principal, \$2,260.21		

JOSEPH R. BARRELL CEMETERY FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 2,076.44	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	382.48	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,458.92
Principal, \$2,422.17		

ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 61.95	
	<hr/>	\$ 61.95
Principal, \$56.65		

WYMAN WATER FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 4,500.00	
Gardner Savings Bank	3,500.00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	7,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 15,000.00
Principal, \$15,000.00		

JOSEPH W. FORBUSH WORTHY POOR FUND

Worcester North Savings Institution	\$ 3,950.15	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,950.15
Principal, \$3,891.57		

UPTON SCHOOL FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 612.63	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	694.83	
Orange Savings Bank	541.20	
Peoples Savings Bank, Worcester	1,000.00	
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	1,000.00	
Gardner Trust Company	2,944.90	
Worcester County Institution for Savings	1,100.00	
25 shares Pullman Inc. at Market $32\frac{5}{8}$	815.63	
28 shares American Tel. and Tel. Co. at Market \$150.00	4,200.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 12,909.19
Principal, \$13,402.03		

POST-WAR REHABILITATION FUND

United States Savings Bonds	\$10,000.00	
Gardner Savings Bank	3,016.50	
Worcester North Savings Institution	2,634.22	
Gardner Trust Company	759.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 16,409.82
Principal, \$15,000.00		

FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Sarah M. Barnes Fund		
Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 200.00	
Adelaide Warner Berry Fund		
Gardner Savings Bank	100.00	
Lucy J. Childs Fund		
Fitchburg Savings Bank	150.00	
Preston P. Ellis Fund		
Fitchburg Savings Bank	500.00	
Mary A. Farnsworth Fund		
Leominster Savings Bank	525.00	
Charles A. Forbush		
Leominster Savings Bank	500.00	
Joseph W. Forbush Fund		
Athol Savings Bank	1,000.00	
Henrietta M. Gates Fund		
Gardner Trust Company	3,504.26	
Arabella R. Hager Fund		
Gardner Savings Bank	600.00	
Manson D. Haws Fund		
Winchendon Savings Bank	1,000.00	
George A. Miller Fund		
Worcester North Savings Institution	1,901.16	
Daniel W. Sanders Fund		
Fitchburg Savings Bank	2,000.00	
Town of Westminster Fund		
Fitchburg Savings Bank	1,800.00	
Fred S. Whitman Fund		
Gardner Savings Bank	300.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 14,080.42
 Florence M. Benjamin Forbush Memorial		
Library Investment Fund	\$ 1,997.94	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,997.94

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS

December 31st, 1948

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1948</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1948</i>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Allen, Frederick	154.41	3.09	2.00	155.50
Allen, Lyman	155.72	3.12	1.50	157.34
Adams, George H.	150.19	2.26	1.50	150.95
Bacon, Edward	123.36	1.22	1.00	123.58
Baker, Albert A.	101.43	1.00	.75	101.68
Baker, Calvin	64.01	.96	.50	64.47
Baker, Charles F.	51.75	.77	—	52.52
Baker, Eber and Eunice	113.78	2.27	—	116.05
Baker, Eliza	138.73	2.08	1.50	139.31
Baker, Ellen L.	109.69	2.19	1.00	110.88
Baker, George C.	76.31	.76	—	77.07
Ballou and Goodfellow	102.85	1.54	1.00	103.39
Barnes, Sarah M.	105.40	1.04	—	106.44
Barrell, Joseph	170.45	2.56	2.00	171.01
Barron, William B.	115.88	1.73	1.00	116.61
Barrows and Griffin	108.20	1.63	1.00	108.83
Bartow, Hartie W.	51.70	.50	—	52.20
Battles, Alfred	102.81	1.02	.75	103.08
Battles, Benjamin F.	110.20	1.66	1.00	110.86
Battles, George A.	110.31	1.66	1.00	110.97
Beaman, Ruth Peckham	53.41	—	—	53.41

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1948</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1948</i>
Bean, John M.	51.32	.76	—	52.08
Bean, Laura J.	114.50	1.72	1.50	114.72
Benjamin, Frank E. (New)	200.00	1.25	—	201.25
Benjamin, William H.	125.93	1.25	1.00	126.18
Berry, Adelaide Warner	101.38	1.00	1.00	101.38
Berry, Bernice Flint	209.83	2.09	1.50	210.42
Bigelow, Benson	112.07	2.25	1.00	113.32
Bigelow, Francis B.	102.86	2.05	1.50	103.41
Black, William J. and Harry W.	106.20	2.13	1.00	107.33
Bolton, Alonzo D.	117.76	2.35	1.00	119.11
Bolton, A. Jackson	102.66	1.02	1.00	102.68
Bolton, Franklin E.	108.21	1.08	1.00	108.29
Bolton, Simeon and Elizabeth Whitney	108.85	1.63	1.00	109.48
Borey, Melissa J.	53.42	.53	—	53.95
Brooks, Edwin F., Stillman, and Alfred L.	225.42	2.25	1.50	226.17
Brown, John	125.75	2.52	1.50	126.77
Brown, Timothy	113.40	1.12	1.00	113.52
Bruce, James R. and George W.	120.25	1.81	1.50	120.56
Burnham, Edwin L.	103.88	1.03	1.00	103.91
Burpee, Viola N.	82.86	.82	1.00	82.68
Carpenter, Joseph	80.15	1.60	—	81.75
Carr, George W.	120.11	1.81	1.00	120.92
Carter, Merriam and Hannaford	168.37	2.53	2.00	168.90

Carter, William H.	103.91	1.03	1.00	103.94
Chase, Lillie J.	51.45	1.02	—	52.47
Childs, Lucy J.	222.34	3.35	2.00	223.69
Clark, Hattie and Flora	110.84	1.66	1.00	111.50
Coleman and Derby	178.44	3.58	1.50	180.52
Cook, Levi	102.48	1.02	1.00	102.50
Cowee, Sarah M.	146.65	2.94	1.50	148.09
Crouch, Louise M.	101.50	1.53	1.00	102.03
Curtis, Alonzo and Frank A.	211.32	3.17	2.50	211.99
Cutler, Jonas	110.54	2.21	1.00	111.75
Daisy, Henry H.	113.75	2.27	—	116.02
Davis, George M.	104.51	1.57	1.00	105.08
Davis, Horace E.	104.56	1.57	1.00	105.13
Dawley, Charles B.	103.89	2.07	1.50	104.46
Derby, Walter	102.90	1.02	1.00	102.92
Drury, Sarah E.	155.87	3.12	1.50	157.49
Dupee, Charles H. and Mary	245.09	4.92	2.00	248.01
Durling, Alfred R.	112.59	1.12	1.00	112.71
Eager, Augustus	103.17	1.02	1.00	103.19
Eager, Horatio	101.44	1.00	1.00	101.44
Eaton, Frank	106.43	2.13	—	108.56
Eaton, Lura B.	114.28	1.72	1.00	115.00
Eaton, Mary W.	52.45	.52	—	52.97
Eaton, Marshall	154.97	3.10	2.00	156.07
Eaton, Nathan, Jr.	103.09	2.07	1.00	104.16
Eaton, Stillman	154.17	3.09	2.00	155.26
Eaton, William	168.52	3.38	2.00	169.90
Elliott, Flora E.	51.29	.50	.50	51.29

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1948</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1948</i>
Ellis, Preston P.	190.36	2.86	1.70	191.52
Emerton, Napoleon	100.47	1.00	—	101.47
Esterbrook, Edward C.	58.07	.88	.50	58.45
Esterbrook, Joseph W.	53.83	.53	—	54.36
Estey, Oliver	127.98	1.26	2.00	127.24
Farnsworth, Mary A.	59.91	.59	1.00	59.50
Fenno, Edgar E.	206.79	3.11	1.50	208.40
Fenno, Frank W.	162.22	3.25	1.00	164.47
Fenno, Franklin B.	103.68	2.07	1.00	104.75
Fenno, Thaddeus B.	108.00	2.17	1.00	109.17
Flagg, Otis	106.77	2.13	—	108.90
Forbush, Charles A.	140.95	2.82	1.50	142.27
Forbush, Joseph W.	264.04	5.30	2.00	267.34
Foskett, Sarah A.	56.39	3.27	—	59.66
Foster, Judson	208.18	4.18	2.00	210.36
Frye, Royal L.	102.16	1.54	1.00	102.70
Gates, Helen	67.24	1.00	—	68.24
Gates, Leonard	104.47	2.09	1.00	105.56
Gaut, Thomas	53.45	.52	.50	53.47
Giles, Charles F.	204.57	4.10	1.00	207.67
Goodridge, John C.	160.97	1.60	1.00	161.57
Goodridge and Rice	102.16	1.02	1.00	102.18
Goss and Sanborn	103.10	2.07	1.00	104.17

Greene, Robert H.	106.51	1.06	1.00	106.57
Griffin, Carlos G.	212.20	4.26	1.00	215.46
Hadley, Laura E.	104.64	1.57	1.00	105.21
Hager, Elijah	99.51	.99	1.00	99.50
Hager, George W.	90.71	.90	—	91.61
Hager, Joseph	447.38	4.47	3.00	448.85
Ham, George S. and Andrew C.	244.16	3.67	1.50	246.33
Hansen, Hans and Marie A. K.	107.96	2.16	1.00	109.12
Harrington and Wheeler	55.77	.55	.50	55.82
Harris and Barnes	104.26	1.04	1.00	104.30
Hartwell, Leander	54.92	.54	.50	54.96
Hay, Arthur	243.34	3.66	2.00	245.00
Haynes, George N.	108.90	1.08	.50	109.48
Healy and Dalrymple	51.77	.51	.50	51.78
Herold, Oswald and Minnie	102.01	1.54	1.00	102.55
Hicks, Carrie E.	53.37	1.06	.50	53.93
Hill, David W.	239.71	2.39	2.00	240.10
Hill, Howard and Wilson (New)	100.00	—	—	100.00
Hodge, Charles L. (New)	100.00	—	—	100.00
Holden, Asa	102.21	2.05	—	104.26
Holden and Eames	176.70	3.54	1.50	178.74
Holden, Jonas	53.78	.53	—	54.31
Holmes, James W. (New)	150.00	—	—	150.00
Holmes, Rufus	107.59	2.15	—	109.74
Hood, Mary E.	144.77	2.45	1.00	146.22
Howard, Joseph	169.70	3.40	2.00	171.10
Howard, Nathan	182.54	1.82	1.00	183.36
Howard, Nellie	53.83	.53	1.00	53.36

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1948</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1948</i>
Howe, Daniel M. and Daniel	217.29	3.27	2.00	218.56
Hurd, Daniel E.	85.00	.85	1.00	84.85
Ingram, E. D. and Mrs.	105.62	1.59	1.00	106.21
Jackson, Levi and Jane	140.05	1.40	1.00	140.45
Jillson, Lester D.	105.66	1.05	—	106.71
Johnson, John	107.19	1.60	1.00	107.79
Harkkainen, Andrew A.	102.53	1.54	1.00	103.07
Kelty, Bartholomew	101.80	1.01	1.00	101.81
Kendall, Edward F. and Ezekiel	477.00	4.77	3.00	478.77
Kendall, Edward S. and Mary E.	107.61	1.07	1.00	107.68
Kendall, George S.	107.60	1.61	—	109.21
Knower, Horace and Charles F.	152.26	2.29	1.50	153.05
Lamb, Stephen F.	119.02	1.18	1.00	119.20
Lantz and Taylor	110.96	1.66	—	112.62
Lavers, Francis (New)	100.00	—	—	100.00
Learned and Goodnow	103.65	1.03	1.00	103.68
Leino, Otto A.	102.15	1.54	1.00	102.69
Lewis, Nelson	105.40	1.04	1.00	105.44
Leland, Hollis J.	51.68	.51	.50	51.69
Loughlin, Philip H.	107.66	1.07	1.00	107.73
Lucas,	104.23	1.57	1.00	104.80
Lynde, Edward B. and Florence	208.61	4.18	2.00	210.79
Lynde, John, Lucy, and Chester	271.79	4.08	2.00	273.87

MacDonald, Cora	102.56	1.02	1.00	102.58
Mansur, Richard	216.70	2.16	1.50	217.36
Marshall, Julia L.	106.49	1.06	1.00	106.55
Mayo, William	209.02	3.67	2.00	210.69
McAllester, W. C.	101.85	1.53	—	103.38
Merriam, Artemas	172.23	3.45	2.00	173.68
Merriam, Francis	108.27	1.08	1.00	108.35
Merriam, Frank A.	105.14	2.11	1.00	106.25
Merriam, Oliver M.	119.22	1.19	1.00	119.41
Merriam, Read	106.09	1.06	1.00	106.15
Merriam, Thomas	116.93	1.16	1.00	117.09
Miles, Daniel C.	103.38	1.55	1.25	103.68
Miles and Puffer	60.16	3.50	1.00	62.66
Miller, Frank E. and Ida A.	104.28	2.09	1.00	105.37
Miller, George H. and Cyrus T.	211.15	2.11	1.50	211.76
Miller, James W.	125.82	1.25	1.00	126.07
Miller, John C.	120.13	1.20	1.00	120.33
Miller, Jonas	307.37	3.07	1.50	308.94
Miller, Joseph and Emily	205.35	2.05	2.00	205.40
Miller, Sylvester	208.56	3.14	1.50	210.20
Minott, Fannie E.	121.57	1.83	1.00	122.40
Minott, John and Mary Hardy	106.87	2.13	1.00	108.00
Minott, Joseph	125.33	1.25	1.00	125.58
Mirick, George A.	539.13	5.39	2.00	542.52
Morse, Farwell	109.80	1.09	1.00	109.89
Morse, Merrill E.	106.64	1.06	1.00	106.70
Neal, Windsor F.	102.97	1.02	1.00	102.99
Nichols, Carl E.	106.79	1.60	1.25	107.14

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1948</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1948</i>
Nichols, Charles	218.52	2.18	1.50	219.20
Nichols, Frederick	103.61	1.03	1.00	103.64
Nichols, Lyman and H. K. White	108.32	2.17	1.00	109.49
Nichols-Stanbridge (New)	200.00	.50	—	200.50
Nygard, Emma	101.94	1.53	1.00	102.47
Ober, Bert	216.04	4.34	1.50	218.88
Page, Porter F.	290.55	5.83	5.00	291.38
Parker, Roy E.	203.01	3.05	2.00	204.06
Partridge, Seaver and Hartwell	156.60	3.14	1.50	158.24
Peckham, Horatio	56.56	.56	—	57.12
Perkins, Harrison	62.03	.94	.50	62.47
Pickering, Georgette Newell	157.36	1.57	1.00	157.93
Pierce, Elisha	354.74	6.12	1.50	359.36
Puffer, Rev. Stephen	71.92	.71	1.00	71.63
Puffer, Samuel and Josiah	107.44	1.06	1.00	107.50
Ray, Hiram	132.56	2.65	1.50	133.71
Ray, Ivers	137.74	1.37	1.00	138.11
Raymond, Abijah H.	107.28	1.06	1.00	107.34
Raymond, Hobart	264.18	3.98	2.00	266.16
Rice, William S.	103.32	1.02	1.00	103.34
Rider, William D.	102.89	1.02	1.00	102.91
Rose, George M.	130.26	2.61	1.00	131.87
Sakkinen, Charles	167.04	1.67	1.00	167.71

Sargent, J. W. C.	219.02	4.40	2.00	221.42
Saunders, Amos	110.39	1.10	1.00	110.49
Sawin, Otis	254.14	3.83	1.50	256.47
Sawyer, Sanford	112.51	1.12	1.00	112.63
Seaver, Silas W. and George C. Baker	83.13	1.24	1.00	83.37
Simonds, Charles A.	113.86	1.71	1.00	114.57
Smith, Charles H.	155.99	3.12	1.50	157.61
Smith, Forest E.	151.62	1.51	1.00	152.13
Smith, Grace G.	100.75	1.00	—	101.75
Smith, Sarah B.	53.53	.53	1.00	53.06
Spaulding and Rugg	273.36	5.49	2.00	276.85
Sprague, Samuel H.	102.51	1.54	1.00	103.05
Stearns, Sarah H.	133.28	2.67	1.00	134.95
Taylor, Peter	102.92	1.54	1.00	103.46
Upton, George C.	1,144.96	17.23	12.00	1,150.19
Viner, Clarence S.	101.50	1.53	1.00	102.03
Walton, Joseph L.	51.83	.51	.50	51.84
Ware, Abigail E.	282.26	4.25	2.50	284.01
Warner, Emory	166.37	3.34	1.50	168.21
Wetherby, Lina W.	106.38	1.06	1.00	106.44
Wheeler, Delia	59.98	.59	—	60.57
Whipple and Hackett	130.84	2.62	1.00	132.46
Whitman, Fred S.	546.31	10.97	2.50	554.78
Whitney, Aaron	106.42	2.13	—	108.55
Whitney, Augustine	104.80	2.09	1.00	105.89
Whitney, Calvin and Lula Canham	106.31	2.13	1.00	107.44
Whitney, John	137.45	2.07	1.50	138.02
Whitney, Malcolm R.	104.36	1.04	1.00	104.40

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January st, 1948</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1948</i>
Whitney, Stillman	112.37	1.69	1.50	112.56
Whitney, Warren A.	114.38	1.72	1.50	114.60
Wood, Aaron	103.90	2.07	1.00	104.97
Wood, Theodore S. and Charles P.	108.37	1.08	1.00	108.45
Woodbury, Joseph	111.01	1.10	1.00	111.11
Wyman, Benjamin	236.29	3.56	2.50	237.35
Wyman, David	50.62	.50	.50	50.62
Wyman, Harrison	50.62	.50	.50	50.62
Wyman, Sophia L.	158.22	3.17	1.50	159.89
Young, Fidelia Sawin	54.23	.54	1.00	53.77
	<u>\$32,327.47</u>	<u>\$467.77</u>	<u>\$259.70</u>	<u>\$32,535.54</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JUDSON R. FOSTER

December 31st, 1948

Town Treasurer

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

For the Year 1948

We herewith submit our report for the year ending December 31, 1948:

During the year there were fourteen cases covering aid to twenty-eight persons as follows:

One minor boarded in foster home.

Twenty-seven single persons were either boarded out or aided in their own homes.

Of the above cases, seven have a Westminster settlement, two are unsettled and will be reimbursed by the State, one case reimbursed by the city of Gardner, three cases reimbursed by the city of Fitchburg, and one is under the Aid to Dependent Children Law.

Four persons with Westminster settlement are being aided in other towns.

Respectfully submitted,

VANCE L. BUTTERFIELD

ALFRED P. JONES

EVA E. COOMBS

Board of Public Welfare

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Westminster:

The Bureau of Old Age Assistance submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1948.

At the beginning of the year there were twenty-four persons receiving Old Age Assistance.

During the year seven cases were added and two cases were closed.

Twice during the year the State budget was changed, which required each case to be rebudgeted. It is also required that each case be visited twice during the year.

At the end of the year twenty-nine persons were receiving Old Age Assistance with the following settlements. Westminster fourteen, Gardner two, Fitchburg two, Medford one, Lynn two, Lancaster one, Templeton one, Hopkington one and the State five.

Two persons with Westminster settlement are being aided in other towns.

Respectfully submitted,

VANCE L. BUTTERFIELD

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Bureau of Old Age Assistance

ASSESSORS' REPORT

For the Year 1948

The following figures relate to the Property and Poll Taxes assessed January 1, 1948.

Value of Assessed Personal Estate	1947	1948
Stock in Trade	\$ 10,650.00	\$ 17,950.00
Machinery	218,660.00	238,870.00
Livestock	69,003.75	85,751.50
Other Tangibles	33,350.00	27,200.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate		
Land	418,255.00	429,130.00
Buildings	1,318,335.00	1,423,135.00
Total Value of Assessed Property	\$2,068,253.75	\$2,222,036.50
Tax Rate per \$1,000.00	\$44.00	\$45.00
Taxes for State, County and Town Purposes:		
On Real Estate	\$ 76,409.96	\$ 83,352.17
On Personal	14,593.21	16,648.80
On Polls	1,362.00	1,578.00
Total Taxes to be Raised	\$ 92,365.17	\$ 101,578.97
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed	951	1,120
Total Assessed Value	\$ 161,970.00	\$ 288,710.00
Total Excise Tax	4,385.79	8,256.54
Excise Rate per \$1,000.00	36.23	38.07
Other Statistics:		
Number of Polls Assessed	681	788
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	19,047	19,026
Number of Houses Assessed	572	645
Number of Camps Assessed	297	265

Number of Livestock Assessed:

Cows	459	394
Young Stock	105	79
Horses	63	56
Swine	609	705
Fowl	23,535	28,289
Sheep	17	6
All Others	17	15

Abatements:

Real Estate	\$ 621.50	\$ 1,022.63
Personal	29.70	54.00
Motor Vehicles	130.83	268.57
Men in Service	234.00	—
Men Over 70 Years	94.00	102.00
All Others	22.00	38.00

ELMER E. LUOMA, *Chairman*
VIVIAN B. WHITNEY
ALBERT E. GATES
Board of Assessors

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES BY THE
BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR 1948

Appropriation voted at Town Meeting March 6, 1948 \$600.00

Wages of Clerk	\$197.35	
Abstracts and Title	89.12	
Equipment (Typewriter Table)	18.75	
Telephone	32.90	
Expenses for Attendance at Assessors' Meetings	46.03	
Assessors' Association Dues	6.00	
Postage, Supplies and Miscellaneous	93.33	
Total	483.48	
Balance of Appropriation		\$116.52

ELMER E. LUOMA, *Chairman*

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1948

DIRECTORY OF WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Elmer Luoma, <i>Chairman</i>	Term Expires 1951
Mrs. J. Philip Howard, <i>Secretary</i>	Term Expires 1950
Mr. John K. Hobbs	Term Expires 1949

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Laurence A. Fogg, B.S., Ed.M.	Experience in Education—23 years
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SUPERVISORS AND SPECIAL PERSONNEL

School Physician	Beatrice Perkins Shepard, M.D.
School Nurse	Mrs. Lempi Aalto, R.N.
Supervisor of Art	Miss Sara Gelardi
Supervisor of Music	Mrs. Priscilla Howard
Supervisor of Penmanship	Mr. W. L. Rinehart
School Custodian	Mr. Fred Goodridge

FACULTY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Experience</i>
W. Allan McCracken	Principal	B.S.	16 years
	Mat. & Guidance	Ed.M.	16 years
	Mat. & Guidance		
Catherine A. Sullivan	Junior High		
	Departmental	B.S. in Ed.	22 years
Josephine C. Meloon	Junior High		
	Departmental	B.A.	4 years
George Teravainen	Junior High		
	Departmental	B.S. in Ed.	1 year
Mary B. Smith	Grade 6	B.S. in Ed.	18 years
	Asst. Principal		
Bernice R. Hemmi	Grade 5	—	6 years
Gladys B. Towle	Grade 4	—	22 years
Helen P. Kendall	Grade 3	—	28 years
Carrie I. Estabrook	Grade 2	—	37 years
Doris M. Fenno	Grade 1	—	28 years
Edna M. L'Ecuyer	Grades 1 and 2	B.S. in Ed.	5 years

To the School Committee and Citizens of Westminster:

I submit herewith my sixth annual report as your superintendent of schools, it being the fifty-eighth in the history of this school union.

My report to you this year will be submitted under the following headings:

- 1) Our actual state reimbursements for 1948.
- 2) Our estimated reimbursements for 1949.
- 3) Our Accomplishments and Activities during the past year.
- 4) The shape of things to come in school population.
- 5) The shape of things to come in school consolidation.
- 6) Salaries of Westminster teachers and the Westminster school budget compared to the state as a whole, with particular reference to the 120 towns in our class.

1948 STATE REIMBURSEMENTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS

1. General Fund—Part I	\$ 2,180.00
2. General Fund—Part II	3,812.15
3. Union Superintendent's Salary and Expense	773.33
4. School Transportation	11,759.00
5. Tuition and Transportation, State Wards	992.29
6. Vocational—Transportation and Tuition	1,860.92
Total	<hr/> \$21,377.69

ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENTS FOR 1949

1) New Chapter 70	\$11,346.39
2) Superintendent's Salary and Expense	773.33
3) School Transportation	12,489.00
Total	<hr/> \$24,608.72

State Wards and Vocational will probably add another \$2,250.00, bringing a grand total of around \$27,000.00.

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST YEAR

- 1) Production of a fine prize speaking contest.
- 2) An excellent graduation program on the part of the class of 1948.
- 3) Continued development of our visual and audio aids program.

- 4) Relief of our over-crowded first grade situation by opening up a combined grade one and two in the Loughlin Building. This step afforded the same relief to Grade 2.
- 5) Rebuilding of Upton chimneys and one of the Loughlin removed a definite hazard to children and property.
- 6) Improvement of drainage and raising of level of playgrounds in rear of Loughlin Building was a definite and necessary accomplishment. However, the situation needs some further study and action.
- 7) The employment of an additional male teacher in the Junior High School has made the following accomplishments possible:
 - a) Installation of an excellent basketball program for both boys and girls.
 - b) Introduction of physical education beginning with Grade 3.
 - c) Relief of the principal from full time teaching, as recommended by the State Department of Education, in schools of our size, with the result that all phases of school activity and supervision are on an efficient basis.
- 8) Installation of showers in the Loughlin Building.
- 9) Inauguration of the Massachusetts State Vision Test, and the use of the Audiometer for detecting hearing difficulties.
- 10) Increased emphasis upon providing for individual differences through Unit activity and class divisions.

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME IN SCHOOL POPULATION

We may think schools are crowded, but they will be much worse in the years just ahead. The definite proof is in the birth rate. I am speaking about the nation as a whole. However, Westminster will not be exempt from the implications of the following facts:

"This year 18.6 million children are in the elementary schools. In two years, 20 million. In four years, 22 million. And so on up. In 1957, 26.6 million—8 million more than the 18.6 of now. Nearly half again as many as now—8 years hence—not far off! Schools must be planned now for then, and there isn't any too much time.

"High School attendance will shrink for three years, and then expand. This year, 6.3 million—next year, 6.2 million. By 1951, only 6 million. This shrinkage is due to the low birth rate in the early 30's—depression. BUT HIGH SCHOOL NUMBERS WILL GRADUALLY INCREASE THROUGH THE 50's. By 1960, 8.1 million high schoolers, compared with 6.3 as of now.

"Our communities must not underestimate the future school load, especially in the first eight grades. The only way to avoid this underestimation is to look the birth rate full in the face.

"The normal prewar birth rate was about 18 babies per 1000 population, except depression years, when fewer were born. Then came war, with more marriages, more births, with a step-up in rate to 21 per 1000—and there the birth rate hovered through the war. With peace again, the men came home, and the rate shot up—in '46 to 23.3—in '47 to 26.2 per 1000. So last year, 1947, was an all-time high. This year, 1948, 24 per 1000 is estimated which is lower than last year, but still high. Next year, 21 is estimated. Again lower than last year, but still high.

"We can see the wave of babies—1941 through 1949—the wave of the '40's. As the years pass, this wave will roll along through the grade schools, then the high schools, then the colleges—and out into working life. It is statistical—sure as taxes—no guess work about it."

What about Westminster specifically? If we have half again as many pupils in 1956 as we have now we will have 426 instead of 284 at present. This would be in accordance with the national picture. I believe that Westminster's increase will be considerably larger than the national picture. If I am right we will have to provide housing for 450 to 500. If I am wrong we must figure on at least 426. This means providing 14 to 15 classrooms at the minimum. We now have nine—we can construct three more within the present Loughlin building—leaving two or three more needed. If the town grows as expected, over and above the national norm, we will need 16 or 17 classrooms, instead of 14 or 15—necessitating four or five more than the present building can furnish at its maximum. (And still you will not have your own high school.)

You have a problem, but so has most everyone else.

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME IN SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

The little red schoolhouse, once a dynamic force as the center of community life, is now rapidly taking its place beside the town-meeting house and other institutions which have played their part in the development of American life and culture.

With the development of modern community conditions and needs, a transformation has taken place within the school system of the country. School consolidation, beginning somewhat hesitantly at the turn of the century, is now a wide-spread movement deemed practical and essential if the best of American education is to be continued. Westminster has shown its early recognition of this movement by consolidating its area elementary schools into the central Upton and Loughlin schools. The years have proven that you were wise in the idea of town consolidation of elementary schools, and wise in the time chosen for action.

We are now in the very beginning of a great new movement as far as New England is concerned in the field of Regional High School consolidation. New York State has a great many Regional High Schools. The West has long exemplified the trend, Connecticut has made a beginning. The General Court of Massachusetts, believing in the economic and educational soundness of Regional High Schools, has passed a bill that looks with particular favor upon such projects, and manifests its approbation by strong financial assistance to towns taking the step.

It is my conviction, after careful study, that Westminster can best solve its school housing problem by joining with Princeton and Sterling in the building and joint operation of a six-year high school as now provided by law, and as definitely recommended by Mr. A. Russell Mack, State Supervisor of Secondary Education, State Department of Education, 200 Newbury Street, Boston.

Our reasons for the above recommendation are as follows:

- 1) Westminster would not have to add on to the present Loughlin building at relatively high cost.
- 2) Experience has shown that wherever possible we should not have the elementary and junior high grades in close proximity. To add on to the Loughlin building for elementary school purposes would violate this principle.
- 3) By joining in a Regional High School, we can eliminate heavy tuition expense to come and the possibility of not being welcome in nearby school departments due to local space needs.

- 4) The Regional High School movement is educationally sound and economically sensible in the eyes of business men, educators, and laymen in general.
- 5) Under the State plan, Westminster can afford to participate in the Regional High School; in fact, it probably can't afford not to do so when we consider probable growth in school population.
- 6) IT NOW SEEMS PROBABLE THAT WESTMINSTER MIGHT HAVE ALL THE ADVANTAGES IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH A MODERN SCHOOL FOR AROUND A NET OF 20% OF THE TOTAL COST.
- 7) Such a school, beginning with 450 to 500 pupils, and growing to perhaps 650 to 700 pupils in 1960, would offer all that any public school can offer to its pupils. Its offerings would exemplify the thought in the following philosophy of secondary education—"Let us build schools that will be as fair to the FAST as to the SLOW, to the HAND-MINDED as to the BOOK-MINDED, and while meeting the separate needs of each, shall yet foster that fellow feeling of human being for human being, that is the deepest root of democracy."

TEACHERS' SALARIES

The unfavorable position of teachers' salaries encourages teachers to leave the profession and discourages our capable high school seniors from choosing to enter the teaching profession. It is estimated that, due to the recent increases of children born annually, nearly 5,000 more elementary teachers will be needed in our schools than are now teaching in Massachusetts.

Westminster's average teacher annual wage is \$2,090. The State average is \$2,984. As time passes, Westminster will have to approach that state average if we are to secure competent teachers. The fortunate fact that we have been able to secure many local or comparatively local teachers is all that has prevented our having to have considerably more money under the salary item in the budget. In any event we shall have to make some salary advances.

THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL BUDGET

The Westminster cost of school operation is sometimes spoken of as excessively high; that it is too large a part of the total amount raised by local taxation. I do not believe that this is true for the following reasons:

- 1) According to State figures, the percent of 1947 Westminster taxes devoted to schools was 45.8%. While this percentage is above the mid-point of the 120 towns in our group, it is not outstandingly so. Under taxes per capita, Westminster is considerably under the median for our group.
- 2) If comparatively few highly organized public services are tax supported by a town, the budget of the school department will always stand out.
- 3) State Department of Education figures for 1947 show that Westminster occupies a position of six above the mid-point in per pupil expenditure for school support from local taxation. In other words, Westminster is in the sixty-sixth position in our group of 120 towns—we spend less than 54 towns in our group and more than 65 towns in the group—again six points above the mid-point—nothing extreme—a respectable, middle of the road position.
- 4) The Westminster school department budget will continue a steady rise through the 1950's in view of the greatly increasing school population. We must expect it and be ready for it.
- 5) We must keep in mind that although our budget sounds large, actually we receive around 40% reimbursement from the State.

IN CONCLUSION

In closing I wish to express my appreciation of the school committee's keen perception of the shape of things to come in education and its needs in the foreseeable future. It is a pleasure to work with and for you. I wish to commend the school principal for his able handling of the many duties involved in a modern school. To the teachers who have worked hard and accomplished much, and to those who have worked equally hard and accomplished less, we say to both, "Thou art good and faithful servants."

Respectfully submitted,

LAURENCE A. FOGG

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

For the Year 1948

I hereby submit to you the annual report, and my first, as Temporary School Nurse for the Town of Westminster, for the year ending December 31, 1948.

I began my duties on September 20, 1948, and I have spent an average of 2 hours a day, four days each week at the school. Since that time:

- 85 dressings were done
- 88 first aid treatments were given
- 282 children were weighed and measured
- 282 heads were examined for pediculi and nits
- 26 home visits were made
- 86 follow-up calls were made by telephone
- 14 children were taken home from school, sick
or with symptoms of contagious disease
- 1 child has been in the hospital for a tonsillectomy

This is the first year that the school children have had their eyes and ears tested according to the Massachusetts Vision Test and the Massachusetts Hearing Test. I helped Mrs. Drury, who has been specially trained by the State of Massachusetts to give these tests, and together we made 269 tests to discover ear defects, and 274 tests to discover eye defects. As a result, I made 24 home calls, 40 telephone calls, and sent one note home to inform parents of their child's failure of either the eye or the ear test. Thus far 7 children have been fitted for glasses.

Dr. Perkins, the school physician, has started giving the children physical examinations. We plan to give corrective exercises to the pupils who need them—such as for poor posture, weak arches, etc.

There has been an epidemic of mumps and measles this fall and winter; also 3 cases of scarlet fever.

Respectfully submitted,

LEMPI H. AALTO, R.N.
School Nurse

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

February 1, 1949

To The Citizens of Westminster:

1. The School Committee was reorganized in February 1947 (after the resignation of Mr. Guy Cossaboom) with Mr. Elmer Luoma as Chairman, Mrs. J. P. Howard as Clerk, and Mr. John K. Hobbs, who was appointed at that time and elected at the annual town meeting.

2. Mr. Otis Jason, obtaining a fine position in Winchester, was replaced by Mr. Allan McCracken of Whitinsville.

3. Mr. George Teravainen was added to the staff last September as an instructor in physical education and assistant to Mr. McCracken. The Committee felt such a step would be beneficial to our children and has proved very satisfactory.

4. In September, due to the large enrollment, Mrs. Herman L'Ecuyer was engaged as a full time teacher in a combined first and second grade.

5. Our former school nurse, Miss Helen T. McKowen, after long and loyal service, retired and was replaced by Mrs. Wilho Aalto of Westminster.

6. Adjustments in salaries were granted to all teachers, janitor and bus drivers. Increased use of the Auditorium, along with other operating expenses, has risen in every respect. Fitchburg High School tuition is now \$175 per child instead of \$150 formerly.

The following construction projects were completed during the year.

a. The playground drainage project behind the Upton and Loughlin School.

b. Showers were installed for the boys and girls.

c. Unit heaters were installed in the basement gymnasium of the Loughlin School.

d. A major emergency repair job was done on the chimneys of the Upton and Loughlin School. Emergency funds were granted through the Finance Committee to complete this job.

7. Our soup program is again being continued this year. The Committee requested the Massachusetts Sanitary Officer of the District to recommend any changes necessary in the present setup. Other than a modern method of sterilizing dishes, no changes were suggested. In view of the proposed high school and possible changes, the present program must be considered as temporary. It has been resumed with only the paid cook and appears to be running smoothly, serving an average of 125 children.

8. Mr. L. A. Fogg, in his report, dwells on the increase of our school population and greater cost of operation for our future requirements; also the necessary expansion of the bus facilities.

9. Our Committee has attended meetings regarding the proposed Sterling-Princeton High School and the possibilities of Westminster joining the area school. This is too large a project for the Committee alone and we recommend our Committee be increased to a Building Committee to investigate the matter more thoroughly.

10. We have submitted several articles in the Town Warrant for consideration. Some of these are absolutely necessary; others we can live without. However, in looking into the future, they have been submitted for consideration. Much of the necessary expense has accumulated over a period of years and has reached the point where some repairs must be made.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER E. LUOMA, *Chairman*
ANN D. HOWARD, *Clerk*
JOHN K. HOBBS

School Committee of Westminster

HAGER PARK TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1948

We have delivered to town hall $13\frac{3}{4}$ cords of wood; two cords of sawed wood to library; one cord to the Legion hall.

No work has been done in the Park this year.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN D. HOWARD
FRANK A. ADAMS
FRANK S. SMITH

Hager Park Trustees

TRUST FUNDS, CASH AND SECURITIES

DECEMBER 31ST, 1948

	<i>Amount January 1, 1948</i>	<i>Income 1948</i>	<i>Income Spent</i>	<i>Prin. Gain</i>	<i>Prin. Loss</i>	<i>New Trust Funds</i>	<i>Balance December 31, 1948</i>
F. W. Smith Poor Fund	\$35,985.99	\$612.30	\$300.00				\$36,298.29
J. W. Forbush Poor Fund	3,891.57	58.58			(on stock)		3,950.15
Upton School Fund	13,402.03	405.43	374.90		(523.37)		12,909.19
Hager School Fund	14,463.67	212.96	200.00				14,476.63
Preston P. Ellis School Fund	842.35	10.96					853.31
Charles R. Dutton School Fund	927.73	9.29					937.02
Town Library Fund	1,800.00	27.00	27.00				1,800.00
George A. Miller Library Fund	1,901.16	28.50	28.50				1,901.16
Lucy J. Child's Library Fund	150.00	2.26	2.26				150.00
Preston P. Ellis Library Fund	500.00	7.50	7.50				500.00
Daniel W. Sanders Library Fund	2,000.00	30.00	30.00				2,000.00
A. R. Hager Library Fund	600.00	12.00	12.00				600.00
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	1,000.00	20.00	20.00				1,000.00
Sarah M. Barnes Library Fund	200.00	4.00	4.00				200.00
M. A. Farnsworth Library Fund	525.00	9.19	9.19				525.00
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	500.00	8.75	8.75				500.00
Fred S. Whitman Library Fund	300.00	6.00	6.00				300.00
M. D. Haws Library Fund	1,000.00	30.00	30.00				1,000.00
Henrietta Gates Library Fund	3,499.27	30.00	30.00	\$4.99			3,504.26
Adelaide Berry Library Fund	100.00	2.00	2.00				100.00
Joseph Barrell Cemetery Fund	2,422.17	46.75	10.00				2,458.92
Daniel W. Sanders Cemetery Fund	2,260.21	45.42	11.00				2,294.63
M. A. Creed Cemetery Wall Fund	1,310.69	13.13					1,323.82

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	31,477.47	467.77	259.70			\$850.00	32,535.54
Water Investment Fund	15,000.00	220.00	220.00				15,000.00
Florence M. Benjamin Library Investment Fund						1,997.94	1,997.94
	\$136,059.31	\$2,319.79	\$1,592.80	\$4.99	\$523.37	\$2,847.94	\$139,115.86
Celebration Committee	56.65	.55		*4.75			61.95
Rehabilitation Fund	15,997.51	412.31					16,409.82
*Books sold.							

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Forbush Memorial Library:

Following is a report for the year ending December 31, 1948.

The library work during the year has been carried on under the efficient leadership of Miss Edith L. Harrington who resigned as Librarian at the close of the year. I, personally, regret that she felt unable to hold this position any longer. Through the years of our association and work together she has been friendly, agreeable, kind and helpful, not only to me but to the patrons of the library, and always faithful to duty. It was a pleasure to work with her. In starting the New Year we are fortunate to have as our assistant, Mrs. Hazel Havener, who is well-known to so many of our Town's people.

Miss Harrington and I attended the two meetings of the Wachusett Library Association, one held at Ashburnham, and one at Sterling. At this time I wish to thank the Trustees for making it possible for me to attend the Library Institute held at Simmons College, Boston June 28 - July 2.

During February we observed Brotherhood Week by displaying conspicuously for circulation, books relative to that subject.

In March, with the help of the Inter-library loan and by special purchase, we furnished material needed by the school when pupils were competing for prizes.

As has been done the past few years, pictures of our common song birds were displayed.

On May 24th the third grade with their teacher, Mrs. Helen P. Kendall, visited the museum.

In November one group of Girl Scouts exhibited copper plaques which they had made under the supervision of Rev. and Mrs. Marion R. Phelps.

Children's Book Week was observed with a collection of new books on display.

Through the Inter-library loan we have furnished books to teachers taking special courses. We have also borrowed several collections of books in the Finnish language.

The Home Craftsman magazine has been added to the long list of fine periodicals that is available to the public.

We who work in the library are grateful for the extensive repairs which have been made on the roof during the year. We wish also to express our appreciation for the redecorating of the inside of the library. This has greatly improved its appearance, the walls now reflecting a warm soft light.

LIBRARY STATISTICS

Days open	148
Largest day's circulation	141
Smallest day's circulation	27
Average daily circulation	76.5
Total circulation	11,326
Number of volumes added by gift	29
Number of volumes added by purchase	263
Total number of volumes added	292

GIFTS — BOOKS

History of Westminster, printed in 1832 by Charles Hudson	Mr. Robert Greenwood
Hunting-Fishing and Camping	Mr. Frederick Slade
U.S.S. Massachusetts	U. S. Navy Recruiting Station, Boston
First Hundred Years of the Smithsonian Institution —	Washington, D. C.
Men and Volts at War	General Electric
Story of General Electric in World War II	
15 Juvenile Books	Mrs. Gladys Towle
The Metropolitan Life	Mr. Marquis James
A Generation of Industrial Peace	Standard Oil Company of N. J.
3 Books of Fiction	Miss Carrie I. Estabrook
Molybdenum-Steels - Irons - Alloys	Climax Company, N. Y.
1 Book, Fiction	Mr. Clarence Cummings
Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts	

GIFTS — PERIODICALS

Antiques

Missions

Christian Leader

National Grange Monthly

Nine others were given by the Publishers

Mrs. John A. Sargent

Baptist Mission Circle

Ladies' Social Circle

Westminster Grange No. 203

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL R. FENNO

Librarian

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Receipts, 1948

TAXES

Current Year:			
Polls	\$	1,442.00	
Personal		15,595.36	
Real Estate		73,172.90	
			\$90,210.26
Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts			15.75
Previous Years:			
1947 Polls	\$	6.00	
Personal		629.53	
Real Estate		7,465.76	
			8,101.29
Received from Tax Title Redemption and Deed			62.36
1947 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax			296.46
1948 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax			7,873.47
From State, Corporation, Banks, etc.:			
Income Tax	\$	20,317.84	
Corporation Tax		5,484.79	
Meals Tax (O.A.)		417.94	
			26,220.57
Massachusetts School Fund	\$	3,812.15	
High School Tuition and Transportation		992.29	
Vocational School		1,860.92	
School Superintendent		1,417.78	
			8,083.14
Liquor Licenses	\$	1,000.00	
All Other Licenses and Permits		200.00	
Court Fines		685.50	
Dog Licenses from County		680.83	
Hager Park for Wood		153.00	
			2,719.33

Town Hall:		
Rentals	\$ 304.50	
Smoke Damage	43.75	
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

From State:	
From Sealer of Weights and Measures (fees)	13.10

BOARD OF HEALTH

Inspection of Animals and Barns	37.50
Dental Clinic Fees	15.75
Subsidy Board of Health	189.29

HIGHWAYS AND STATE ROAD

From Machinery Rentals (Town Rentals)	\$ 9,117.82	
From Outside Rentals	11,331.18	
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From State:	
Chapter 81—1947 Contract No. 4779	15,059.84
Chapter 81—1948 Contract No. 4959	6,241.96
Chapter 90—1947 Construction No. 10460	2,000.00
Chapter 90—1947 Construction No. 10674	599.99

From County:	
Chapter 90—1947 Construction No. 10460	4,000.00
Chapter 90—1947 Construction No. 10674	300.00

From State:	
Snow and Ice Removal—Route No. 140	329.25

For Insurance Damage to Truck	461.16
For Scrap Iron	10.80

CHARITIES

Reimbursement:		
Federal Aid to Dependent Children, Administration	\$ 2.59	
Federal Aid to Dependent Children	284.49	
State Aid to Dependent Children	390.13	
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Reimbursement:			
From Federal Aid Administration	\$	139.40	
Federal Aid		7,226.47	
State Aid		7,222.53	
Other Cities and Towns		700.41	
			15,288.81
From State Temporary Aid and Transportation	\$	250.00	
From Other Cities and Towns		145.60	
			395.60
From Veterans' Benefits			60.00

SCHOOLS

From Soup Project	\$	377.98	
For Damage to Chair		.50	
			378.48

LIBRARY

From Fines	\$	63.67	
From Lending Receipts		14.77	
			78.44

CEMETERIES

For Burials	\$	564.00	
Foundations		42.80	
Care of Lots		75.00	
Truck Rentals		1.50	
Flowers		6.00	
			689.30

INTEREST

From Taxes 1947	\$	212.41	
From Taxes 1948		16.34	
From Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes		5.68	
From Tax Titles		4.41	
From Demands		16.10	
			254.94

Income from Trust Funds:

Town Library Funds	\$	27.00
George Miller Library Fund		28.50

Child's Library	2.26	
P. P. Ellis Library Fund	7.50	
D. W. Sanders Library Fund	30.00	
A. R. Hager Library Fund	6.00	
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	20.00	
Sarah Barnes Library Fund	4.00	
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	8.75	
M. A. Farnsworth Library Fund	9.19	
F. S. Whitman Library Fund	12.00	
Haws Library Fund	30.00	
Henrietta Gates Library Fund	30.00	
Adelaide Berry Library Fund	2.00	
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		217.20
Interest on Water Fund		220.00
Blue Cross Deductions		629.20
Retirement Deductions		1,525.36
Tax Deductions		4,012.20
TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS		
Library Investment Fund		1,997.94
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds (new)		850.00
Dog Licenses for County		864.40
Refunds:		
Loss of Taxes	\$ 1,027.32	
Highways and Machine Repairs	188.70	
Gas Refunds	226.35	
Bridges	12.13	
Schools	195.66	
Old Age Assistance	89.90	
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		1,740.06
Transfers:		
Smith Poor Fund	\$ 300.00	
Upton School Fund	374.90	
Hager School Fund	200.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	259.70	
Daniel Sanders Cemetery Fund	11.00	
Joseph Barrell Cemetery Fund	10.00	
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		1,155.60
Total Receipts		<hr/>
		\$224,673.26

Cash on hand December 31, 1947

51,574.87

 \$276,248.13

Expenditures

LEGISLATIVE:

MODERATOR	\$ 25.00
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SELECTMEN:

Salaries	\$	600.00	
Membership Dues		31.00	
Telephone		6.55	
Printing Postage and Supplies		170.10	
Warrants and Advertising		20.64	
Perambulating Town Lines		15.00	
			843.29

Appropriation Salaries	\$600.00
Appropriation Expense	100.00
Transferred from Reserve	143.29

ACCOUNTANT:

Salary	\$	900.00	
Assistant		663.45	
Printing, Supplies, etc.		12.79	
			1,576.24

Appropriation Salary	\$900.00
Appropriation Expense	400.00
Transferred from Reserve	276.24

TREASURER:

Salary	\$	150.00	
Surety Bond		80.50	
Stamped Envelopes		86.34	
Legal Expenses		29.00	
Association Dues		1.00	
Telephone		3.90	
			350.74

Appropriation Salary	\$150.00
Appropriation Expense	200.00
Transferred from Reserve	.74

COLLECTOR:

Salary	\$ 800.00
Assistant	242.40
Surety Bond	103.50
Deputy Collector's Bond	5.00
Attendance at Collector's Meetings	11.19
Books and Bills	95.79
Stamped Envelopes	127.78
Supplies, Printing and Postage	13.45
Dues	1.00

 1,400.11

Appropriation Salary	\$800.00
Appropriation Expense	400.00
Transferred from Reserve	200.11

ASSESSORS:

Salaries	\$ 675.00
Transportation	45.00
Assistant	197.35
Attendance at Meetings	46.03
Dues	6.00
Abstracts	89.12
Telephone	32.90
Cards and Binder	12.15
Typewriter Table	18.75
Supplies and Stamped Envelopes	36.18

 1,158.48

Appropriation Salaries	\$675.00 — Balance	\$116.52
Appropriation Expense	600.00	

TOWN CLERK:

Salary	\$ 100.00
Surety Bond	5.00
Vital Statistics and Fees	125.50
Attendance at Meetings	5.10
Dues	5.00
Printing, Postage, etc.	37.43
Telephone	2.03
Making Street List	10.00

 290.06

Appropriation Salary	\$100.00 — Balance	\$59.94
Appropriation Expense	250.00	

OTHER FINANCE:

Rent of Safety Deposit Box	24.00
Appropriation \$50.00 — Balance \$26.00	

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION:

Registrars	\$ 97.00	
Assistant	45.00	
Election Officers	192.80	
Voting Booths	25.00	
Ballots	16.10	
Refreshments	11.91	
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		387.81
Appropriation	\$275.00	
Transferred from Reserve	112.81	

School Committee Salaries (Appropriation)	225.00
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Public Welfare Committee Salaries (Appropriation)	300.00
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TOWN HALL:

Janitor's Salary	\$ 540.00	
Water Rent	17.81	
Fuel	367.97	
Lights	117.42	
Telephone	33.45	
Janitor's Supplies	10.54	
Repairs and Equipment	389.56	
Outside Labor	78.35	
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		1,555.10
Appropriation \$2,500.00 — Balance \$944.90		

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE PROTECTION:

Police Work Salary	\$ 1,178.10	
Police Department, Gardner	19.00	
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		1,197.10
Appropriation \$1,200.00 — Balance \$2.90		

DOG OFFICER:

Care of and Destroying Dogs	16.00
Appropriation \$50.00 — Balance \$34.00	

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Yearly Salaries	\$	170.00	
Wages—Testing Hose and House Fires		705.42	
Insurance		460.65	
Gas Masks, etc.		915.00	
Apparatus		62.59	
Gasoline		6.85	
Repairs, etc.		1,450.30	
Water Rent		7.12	
Fuel		222.11	
Lights		138.01	
Telephone		44.35	
		<u> </u>	\$ 4,182.40

FORESTRY:

Forest Warden's Salary	\$	25.00	
Wages for Forest Fires		175.20	
		<u> </u>	200.20
			<u> </u> 4,382.60

(Appropriation \$4,450.00 — Balance \$67.40)

New Fire Truck			2,667.41
(Appropriation \$6,000.00			
Balance Forward 3,332.59)			

Forest Fire Equipment			482.71
Appropriation \$500.00 — Balance \$17.29			

Tree Warden			200.00
(Appropriation \$200.00)			

MOTH:

Labor	\$	210.00	
Equipment		480.00	
Insecticides		308.80	
		<u> </u>	998.80

Appropriation \$1,000.00 — Balance \$1.20

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

Salary	\$	60.00	
Equipment		9.93	
		<u> </u>	69.93

Appropriation	\$65.00
Transferred from Reserve	4.93

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Transportation to Worcester County		
Sanitorium	\$	136.00
Labor at Dump		233.72
Dump Spray and Dust		92.95
Printing		7.50
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		470.17

Appropriation \$1,000.00 — Balance \$529.83

Tuberculosis Assessment		3,035.81
Appropriation	\$2,938.12	
Transferred from Reserve	97.69	

HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81:

Labor	\$	\$10,828.46	
Machine Rentals		5,466.32	
Tarmac		6,142.39	
Pipes and Culverts		1,163.66	
Lumber		14.40	
Gravel		361.90	
Equipment		12.50	
Signs		10.00	
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			23,999.63

Appropriation \$ 6,000.00 — Balance \$0.37
State 18,000.00

Machine Repairs:

Labor Payrolls	\$	2,517.23
Telephone		69.02
Registrations		18.00
Lights		51.74
Gas, Oil, Fuel, Grease		2,277.41
Firestone Tires		106.90
Burt's Garage, Tires, Parts and Labor		2,146.80
Bay City Shovels		695.00
Hardware		300.00
Caterpillar		119.44
Blacksmith Work Parts, Welding and Road Tools		2,510.53

International Dump Truck	3,383.94	
Diesel Tax	59.70	
Insurance on All Equipment	693.06	
		14,948.77
Transfer from Rentals	\$12,671.38	
Refunds on Highways	8.38 — Overdrawn	
Refunds Gas Tax	404.67	\$1,864.34
	\$13,084.43	
OILING ROADS		999.58
Appropriation from Chapter 90		
Allotment \$1,000.00 — Balance \$0.42		
Contract		1,677.00
(Appropriation \$1,800.00 — Balance \$123.00)		
Street Signs		201.00
Appropriation	\$200.00	
Transferred from Reserve	1.00	
SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION:		
Labor	\$ 86.45	
Materials	10.05	
		96.50
Appropriation \$100.00 — Balance \$3.50		
NEW SIDEWALK, MAIN STREET:		
Labor	\$ 685.61	
Materials	430.00	
		1,115.61
Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
Transferred from Reserve	115.61	
BRIDGES:		
Labor	\$ 262.50	
Rentals	21.35	
Lumber	342.73	
All Other	28.33	
		654.91
Appropriation	\$500.00	
Refund	12.13	
Transferred from Reserve	142.78	
	\$654.91	

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL:

Labor	\$ 6,237.55	
Gas, Oil and Grease	1,407.96	
Equipment, Repairs and Expense	2,146.16	
Salt	294.00	
2 Truck Plows and Push Frames	934.90	
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		11,020.57
Appropriation	\$8,500.00	
Transferred from Reserve	590.20	
Overdrawn	1,930.37	
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	\$11,020.57	

SNOW AND ICE, SIDEWALKS:

Labor	\$ 120.65	
Materials	78.57	
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		199.22
Appropriation \$200.00 — Balance \$0.78		

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Labor	\$ 1,021.11	
Machine Rentals	732.85	
Tarmac	1,197.33	
Equipment	15.00	
Paint for Traffic Lines	33.00	
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		2,999.29
Appropriation \$1,000.00 (Balance \$0.71)		
State	1,000.00	
County	1,000.00	

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Labor	\$ 3,236.00	
Machine Rentals	2,258.05	
Culverts	549.43	
Tarmac	474.00	
Cement and Cinder Blocks	43.80	
Gravel	154.91	
Lumber	27.20	
Guard Posts and Road Bounds	258.00	
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		7,001.39
Appropriation \$2,000.00 (Balance forward \$1,000.61)		
State & County	6,000.00	
Refund	2.00	
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	\$8,002.00	

PUBLIC WELFARE

Allowances	\$	942.50	
Medicine and Medical Care		627.61	
Groceries, Provisions, Clothing, etc.		1,311.53	
Fuel		184.33	
Charlton Home Farm		244.29	
Hospital Care		460.39	
Transportation		23.00	
Other Expenses		38.60	
			3,832.25
Appropriation	\$4,000.00	(Balance \$467.75)	
Smith Fund	300.00		

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Federal Grant Allowances		245.30
Balance forward January 1, 1948	\$7.83	
Federal Aid	\$284.49 (Balance forward \$47.02)	
Town Allowances		990.50
(Appropriation \$1,000.00	Balance \$9.50)	

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Federal Administration — (Balance forward \$3.72)		182.92
Balance January 1, 1948	\$ 47.24	
Federal	139.40	
Town Aid Administration		370.76
Appropriation	\$ 200.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	170.76	
Federal Aid Allowances (Balance forward \$84.60)		7,594.84
Balance January 1, 1948	\$ 452.97	
Federal Aid	7,226.47	
Town Allowances (Balance \$4,920.15)		11,969.75
Appropriation	\$16,800.00	
Refund	89.90	

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Allowances		687.70
(Appropriation \$1,200.00 — Balance \$512.30)		

SCHOOLS

School Committee:

Clerk	\$ 150.00	
Expense	15.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 165.50
Miscellaneous Expense		16.89
School Certificates		30.00
School Census		30.00
Telephone (both schools)		87.66

Superintendent:

Salary	\$ 1,773.36	
Attending Conferences	41.24	
Traveling Expenses	235.00	
Telephone	53.68	
New Equipment	33.00	
Painting and Postage	6.47	
All Other	28.11	
	<hr/>	2,170.86

Supervisors:

Music Teacher, Salary	\$ 798.00	
Music Teacher, Traveling Expense	32.00	
Drawing Teacher, Salary	886.72	
Writing Teacher, Salary	325.00	
Physical Education Teacher, Salary	570.00	
	<hr/>	2,611.72

Nurse:

Salary	\$ 800.00	
Expense	95.44	
	<hr/>	895.44

Teachers' Salaries:

Junior High School	\$ 7,352.34	
Elementary	11,638.24	
	<hr/>	18,990.58

Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Fund 1,064.14

Text Books and Supplies:

Junior High School	\$ 372.88	
All Other Supplies	530.94	
Elementary	692.78	
All Other Supplies	338.89	
	<hr/>	1,935.49

Tuition:

High School	\$ 3,854.29	
Elementary	906.92	
	<hr/>	4,761.21

Transportation:

High School	\$ 6,377.60	
Junior High	2,828.32	
Elementary	6,136.39	
	<hr/>	15,342.31

Janitor's Service:

Junior High School	\$ 628.49	
Elementary	1,236.72	
	<hr/>	1,865.21

Water Rent

23.75

Fuel and Lights:

Junior High School	\$ 1,098.49	
Elementary	732.50	
	<hr/>	1,830.99

Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:

Junior High:

Repairs	\$ 42.89	
Supplies	99.53	
All Other	84.00	
	<hr/>	226.42

Elementary:

Repairs	\$ 1,122.15	
Supplies	57.21	
All Other	134.38	
	<hr/>	1,313.74

Furniture and Furnishings:

Junior High School	\$	16.32	
Elementary		420.73	
			437.05
New Equipment			218.10
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			54,017.06
(Appropriation \$53,726.00 — Balance \$479.50)			
Refunds		195.66	
Upton Fund		374.90	
Hager Fund		200.00	
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		\$54,496.56	

VOCATIONAL

Tuition	\$	2,428.58	
Transportation		714.60	
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			3,143.18
(Appropriation \$4,995.00 — Balance \$1,851.82)			
Chimney Repairs (Transferred from Reserve Fund \$1,000.00)			1,000.00
School Drainage (Special Appropriation \$2,657.50 — Balance \$2.15)			2,655.35
Heating Units (Special Appropriation \$500.00)			500.00
Installation Showers (Special Appropriation \$700.00 — Balance \$47.00)			653.00
Soup Kitchen			831.80
(Appropriation \$900.00 — Balance \$77.38)			
Refund		9.18	

LIBRARY

Salaries:			
Librarian	\$	754.30	
Assistant		462.50	
Janitor		300.00	
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			\$ 1,516.80
Books and Periodicals:			
Books	\$	469.83	
Periodicals		80.80	
Supplies		27.25	
Binding Books		14.56	
Stationery and Postage		11.28	
Printing		7.75	
Telephone		30.30	
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			641.77

Buildings and Grounds:

Janitor's Supplies	\$ 10.29
Repairs	80.99
Care of Grounds	133.28
Fuel	259.61
Lights	105.60
All Other	297.81
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	887.58

3,046.15

Appropriation	\$2,300.00—Balance	\$151.88
Dog Fund	680.83	
Income from Trust Funds	217.20	

Special Library Appropriation Repairs

(Appropriation \$2,000.00) 2,000.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Band Concerts (Appropriation \$125.00)	125.00
Memorial Day (Appropriation \$135.00)	
Transferred from Reserve 86.55)	221.55
Care of Town Clock (Appropriation \$20.00)	20.00
Printing Town Reports (Appropriation \$275.00 — Balance \$10.00)	265.00
Blanket Fire Insurance \$1,800.00 —	
Transferred from Reserve 103.01)	1,903.01
War Memorial (Appropriation \$50.00 —	
Transferred from Reserve 3.25)	53.25
Special Valuation Books	
(Appropriation \$500.00 — Balance \$2.20)	497.80
Special Appropriation Water Committee	40.00
(Appropriation \$300.00 — Balance \$260.00)	
Special Appropriation Boilers	308.00
(Appropriation \$5,000.00 — Balance \$4,692.00)	
Special Appropriation Safety Lights	256.00
(Appropriation \$260.00 — Balance \$4.00)	
Worcester County Retirement System	718.60
(Appropriation \$718.60)	
Retirement Deductions	1,544.91
Blue Cross Deductions	629.20

MISCELLANEOUS:

Layout of Ripley Road	6.00
(Appropriation \$150.00 — Balance \$144.00)	

HAGER PARK TRUSTEES

Labor, Cutting Wood	\$ 3.00	
Trucking Wood	54.73	
		57.73
(Appropriation \$50.00 — Transferred from Reserve \$7.73)		

CEMETERIES

Superintendent's Salary	\$ 608.25	
Other Labor	2,284.80	
Stamps and Envelopes	2.00	
Loam	4.00	
Flowers and Shrubs	30.00	
Equipment	218.64	
Machine Rentals	85.50	
All Other	178.81	
Surveyor	30.75	
Telephone	.55	
		3,443.30
Appropriation	\$2,500.00	
Transferred from Reserve	943.30	

INTEREST

Schoolhouse Note	262.50
(Appropriation \$275.00 — Balance \$12.50)	

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Schoolhouse Note Payment (From Excess and Deficiency)	1,500.00
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AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency:	
County Tax (Appropriation \$3,889.85— Overdraft \$535.30)	4,425.15
State Parks and Reservation Tax (Appropriation \$124.13 — Overdraft \$21.34)	145.47
Auditing Municipal Accounts Tax (Appropriation \$412.81)	412.81
Dog Licenses to County	864.40
Federal Tax Deductions	4,076.30

Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care	850.00
Library Investment Fund	1,997.94

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Refunds:

Poll Taxes	\$ 4.00	
Personal Taxes	9.00	
Real Estate	.87	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	148.43	
Machinery Rental	24.63	
Retirement Fund	2.30	
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		189.23
Total Payments		<hr/>
Cash Balance December 31, 1948		\$205,103.54
		71,144.59
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		\$276,248.13

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY S. KENDALL
Town Accountant

TRIAL BALANCE OF DECEMBER 31, 1948

<i>Assets</i>		<i>Liabilities</i>	
Cash on Hand	\$71,144.59	Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$ 55.00
Library Cash	10.00	Machinery Rentals	19,918.12
Taxes 1947 (\$391.04 paid January 1st)	527.44	Balances Forward:	
Taxes 1948	9,996.11	Aid to Dependent Children	24.31
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1947	4.00	Federal Administration	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1948	110.41	Aid to Dependent Children	47.02
Tax Titles	2,081.77	Federal Aid	3.72
Federal Tax	26.90	Old Age Assistance, Fed. Adm'r	84.60
Retirement Tax	21.85	Old Age Assistance, Federal Aid	2,081.77
Accounts Receivable:		Tax Title Revenue	114.41
Highway Bills	2,179.86	Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	4,791.56
Public Welfare	1,488.46	Departmental Revenue	11,940.16
Veteran's Benefits	278.00	Highway Revenue	380.83
Aid to Dependent Children	133.71	Overlay 1947	2,120.43
Old Age Assistance	585.03	Overlay 1948	6,574.14
Cemeteries	126.50	Overlay Reserve	.37
Chapter 81 Highways	2,940.16	Chapter 81 Highways	.71
Chapter 90 Maintenance, State	1,000.00	Chapter 90 Maintenance	.61
Chapter 90 Maintenance, County	1,000.00	Chapter 90 Construction	3,332.59
Chapter 90 Construction, State	4,500.00	New Fire Truck	260.00
Chapter 90 Construction, County	2,500.00	Water Committee	53,275.79
County Tax	535.30	Surplus Excess and Deficiency	
State Parks and Reservations Tax	21.34		
Over Drawn:			
Machinery Repairs	1,864.34		
Snow and Ice Removal	1,930.37		
Net Funded Debt	\$105,006.14	School House Loan	\$105,006.14
	\$9,000.00		\$9,000.00

LIST OF JURORS

1949

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Elmer E. Luoma	Accountant
Paul B. Mansur	Merchant
Kaino Poikonen	Peddler
Neil L. J. Marsh	Track Inspector
Guy M. Ralph	Production Control
George Thomas	Plumber
Gordon J. Kelley	Master Mechanic
Howard I. Smith	Telephone Engineer
Walter Chatigny	Hospital Supervisor
Howard Winter	Clerk
Seth Heywood	Sales Analysis
Douglas Newcombe	Engineer
Harry S. Kendall	Merchant
Walker C. Brown	Clerk
Dugal C. Laughton	Farmer

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

POLL TAXES OF 1947

Outstanding December 31, 1947		\$ 16.00
Audit Adjustment		2.00
		<hr/> \$ 18.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 6.00	
Abatements	12.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 18.00

PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE TAXES 1947

Outstanding December 31, 1947		\$ 8,621.86
Real Estate Tax Refund		.87
		<hr/> \$ 8,622.73
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 8,095.29	
Outstanding December 31, 1948	527.44	
(Since paid in January 1949 — \$391.04)	<hr/>	8,622.73

POLL TAXES OF 1948

Commitments		\$ 1,578.00
Refunds		4.00
		<hr/> \$ 1,582.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 1,442.00	
Abatements	140.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,582.00

PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE TAXES

Commitments		\$100,000.97
Audit Adjustment		.01
Refund		9.00
		<hr/> \$100,009.98
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 88,768.26	
Abatements	1,076.63	

Tax Title	66.60	
1948 Taxes added to Tax Titles	102.38	
Outstanding December 31, 1948	9,996.11	
		<u>\$100,009.98</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX OF 1947

Outstanding December 31, 1947		\$ 267.60
Warrants		31.66
Audit Adjustment		.30
Refund		2.90
		<u>\$ 302.46</u>
Payments to Treasurer	\$296.46	
Abatement	2.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1948	4.00	
		<u>\$ 302.46</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX OF 1948

Commitments (15 Warrants)		\$ 8,106.92
Refunds		145.53
		<u>\$ 8,252.45</u>
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 7,873.47	
Abatements	123.04	
Refunds	145.53	
Outstanding December 31, 1948	110.41	
		<u>\$ 8,252.45</u>

INTEREST COLLECTED

Taxes 1947	\$ 212.41	
Taxes 1948	16.34	
Tax Titles	4.41	
Demands	16.10	
Motor Vehicle Excise	5.68	
		<u>\$ 254.94</u>

FLORENCE B. RICE
Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Board of Selectmen:

I submit the following report for the year 1948: —

Various complaints investigated	42
Summons served	5
Arrests for out-of-town police	1

Arrests as follows:

Drunkenness	5
Assault and battery	1
Driving under influence of liquor	2
Driving without license	1
Adultery	2
Larceny	1
Hit and run property damage	1
Unauthorized use of motor vehicle	1
Breaking and entering in the night time	1
Speeding	2

Fines amounted to \$195.00

- 1 Male sentenced to Worcester House of Correction
- 1 Male on probation
- 1 Male case filed, sent back to Army
- 2 cases discharged
- Went to Providence, Rhode Island, after 1 defendant
- Attended Gardner Court 11 days
- Attended Worcester Court 2 days
- Attended inquest Gardner Court 1 day
- 21 Auto accidents in which 3 were seriously injured and
13 minor injuries
- 2 Male persons were fatally injured—both happened in the
month of June
- 1 Child struck by car, hospitalized, not seriously injured
- 4 Commitments to State Hospital
- 1 Suicide
- 1 Drowning
- 11 Dances

Attended basketball games at Loughlin School.

Investigated first fatal fire in a good many years March 13 on Main Street (Smith and Hotel) in conjunction with the Fire Marshal's Office, Fire Department and Medical Examiner.

In due respect to the parents, teachers of our schools, all organizations affiliated with children's welfare, I am pleased to report that there were no juvenile delinquents in the year of 1948 as compared to 7 in 1947.

I have done patrol work on Sundays and nights, and traffic duty on holidays and funerals.

It is my hope as Chief of Police of this town that the ensuing year will bring about a closer survey of traffic violators. We have a network of fine highways and byways, heavily travelled and ever increasing. It calls for increased vigilance on the part of the parents with children, the Police Department, users of the highways—both pedestrian and motorist. Cooperation of all the townspeople to keep accidents and highway fatalities to a minimum creates a healthy atmosphere.

Remember! Co-operation is not a one-way street.

Respectfully submitted,

TOIVO O. TUOMINEN

Chief of Police

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen:

Complaints	5
Stray Dogs	10
Dogs Quarantined	5
Dogs Killed	8
Dogs Killed by Car	5
Stray Dogs Returned to Owners	9
Dog Tax Notices Sent Out	71

Respectfully submitted,

TOIVO O. TUOMINEN
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE CONSTABLE

To the Board of Selectmen:

Warrants were served for one (1) Town Meeting, one (1) Special Town Meeting, one (1) Primary and one (1) National Election.

Two jurors were drawn during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

TOIVO O. TUOMINEN
Constable

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Board of Selectmen:

The following is the list of weighing and measuring devices tested and sealed during the year:

- 18 gasoline pumps
- 5 computing scales
- 1 counter scales under 100 lbs.
- 1 counter scales over 100 lbs.
- 6 platform scales 5,000 lbs. or under

The Annual Report required by Law has been prepared and sent to Boston. Two steel dies cut for 1949 have been ordered and same received.

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO A. LEINO

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

For the Year Ending 1948

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby submit for your approval the thirtieth annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1948.

FIRE RECORD

This year we have answered 40 calls as follows: —

Buildings	11	Chimneys	14
Brush	14	Emergency	1

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. MacCONLOGUE
F. J. SLADE
B. P. CUMMINGS
Board of Fire Engineers

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Board of Trustees of the Forbush Memorial Library held four regular meetings in March, June, September and December, and two special meetings. The sum of money (\$2,000.00) voted at the town-meeting of March, 1947, was sufficient to permit extensive repairs to be made on the Library building. These included altering the pitch of the roof, covering the skylight, and repairing the brick-work where it had been damaged by leaks. There was enough of a balance so that, as authorized by an article in the warrant at a special town-meeting, the Trustees were also able to provide for re-decorating the building. Interior walls and ceilings were painted, since they had also sustained water damage, and a new long-wearing linoleum flooring was laid. Since leaks in the roof have been a major problem for many years, due to its unsuitable original construction, it was with considerable satisfaction that the Board attended to this remodelling.

In addition, the plugged cesspool which had caused considerable water to collect in the cellar during the previous winter was found and thoroughly cleaned out, and defective wiring was repaired.

It was with great regret that the Trustees accepted the resignation of Miss Edith Harrington, after many years of faithful service. Mrs. Mabel Fenno, formerly Assistant Librarian, was appointed to fill the vacancy, and the services of Mrs. Hazel Havener were procured as her assistant.

Matters of routine upkeep were attended to as they arose. A substantial sum was allotted for the purchase of new books of fiction and non-fiction to be added to the shelves.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) LOIS F. INNIS, *Secretary*
ARTHUR RICE, *Chairman*
J. PHILIP HOWARD
ROBERT M. DENTON
DORIS M. FENNO
LILLIAN A. McALLESTER
Board of Trustees

VETERANS' AGENT REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you my annual report of the Veterans' Service Department, of the Town of Westminster, for the year ending December 31, 1948.

During the year there were four cases receiving Veterans' Benefits.

Applications for Veterans' Benefits	7
Discharge Certificates photostated	8
Emergency Hospitalization	1
Contacts with a representative of the Commissioner of Veterans' Services	5

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER W. WINTTURI
Veterans' Agent

SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATION RECOMMENDATIONS 1948

APPROVED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Expenses</i>
Moderator	\$ 25.00	—
Selectmen (\$200.00 each)	600.00	200.00
Town Accountant	1,000.00	200.00
Town Treasurer	150.00	200.00
Tax Collector	900.00	400.00
Assistant to Tax Collector and Accountant	800.00	—
Assessors (\$400. Chairman, \$300. others)	1,000.00	600.00
Town Clerk	100.00	250.00
Board of Public Welfare (\$100.00 each)	300.00	—
School Committee (\$75.00 each)	225.00	—
Elections and Registration	—	300.00
	\$5,100.00	\$ 2,150.00
		5,100.00
		\$ 7,250.00
Town Hall, General Maintenance		\$ 2,500.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Fire Department	\$ 3,598.00
Forest Fire Equipment and Patrol	500.00
Police Protection	1,200.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Moth Department	500.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	75.00
Tree Warden	200.00
Insurance—Fire, Liability and Workmen's Compensation	2,000.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health (Including Dental Clinic)	1,200.00
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HIGHWAYS

General Repairs under Chapter 81	6,000.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,000.00
Chapter 90 Construction (From Excess and Deficiency Fund)	1,850.00
Bridges (From Excess and Deficiency Fund)	500.00
Snow and Ice (Highways)	10,000.00
Snow and Ice (Sidewalks)	100.00
Street Lighting	2,000.00

CHARITIES

Public Welfare	\$ 4,000.00
Mother's Aid (A. D. C.)	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance (Administration \$300.00)	19,000.00
Veteran's Benefits	1,200.00

SCHOOLS

Schools (Including State Reimbursements)	\$63,822.07
Vocational Education	3,675.00

FORBUSH LIBRARY

Not including Dog Fund	2,300.00
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CEMETERIES

Including Income from Trust Funds	\$ 2,500.00
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PAYMENTS ON NOTES

School Note (From Excess and Deficiency Fund)	\$ 1,500.00
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UNCLASSIFIED

Interest on Note	\$ 225.00
Hager Park Trustees	100.00
World War Memorial	50.00
Memorial Day	150.00
Care of Town Clock	20.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Printing Town Reports	300.00
Miscellaneous	200.00

JAMES A. ADAMS
HOWARD I. SMITH
PORTER W. DAWLEY
Advisory Committee

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westminster in the County aforesaid, GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of WESTMINSTER, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Westminster on Saturday the fifth day of March 1949 at six o'clock in the forenoon and to choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year or term of years, and at one o'clock P.M. of the same day, then and there to act on the following Articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1949 and to issue a note or notes therefor, to be paid within one year, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of Jurors, as revised by the Selectmen, or act in relation thereto.

Article 3. To choose all necessary Committees for the ensuing year, or act in relation thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will choose an agent or agents to prosecute and defend all lawsuits in behalf of the Town, or act in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purpose of giving five public band concerts, or act in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Land Court and Legal Expenses in connection with the foreclosure of several Tax Titles now held by the Town, or act in relation thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept an Investment Fund created for the benefit of the Forbush Memorial Library in the amount of \$1,997.94 under the will of Florence M. Benjamin, or take any action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light on Willard Road opposite the residence of Nicholas M. Van Der Mark, or take any action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,242.14 to pay 1944-47 bills in connection with Public Welfare Departmental obligations, or take any action thereon.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$273.03 to pay 1946-47-48 Bills in connection with Old Age Assistance Departmental obligations, or take any action thereon.

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from the Machinery Rental Account to the Machinery Repair, Purchase, and Maintenance Account, or act in relation thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Vote: That the sum of \$6,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that in addition, the sum of \$18,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, to meet the State's share of the cost of the work; the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Vote: That the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, and that in addition, the sum of \$4,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

Vote: That the sum of \$14,800.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction, the reimbursements from the State \$8,325.00, and the County \$4,625.00 to be restored upon their receipt to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to construct a sidewalk on one side of the street from the intersection of West Main Street and Main Street (Route No. 2) and continuing past the residence of Louis Arcangeli, or act in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund as provided in Section 6, Chapter 40 General Laws, or act in relation thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of money necessary for the following Departments, General Government, Town Hall, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Highways, Charities, Forbush Library, Cemeteries, Payment of Note, Schools, and Unclassified Expenses.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee and Board of Selectmen to appoint four citizens to serve as a joint committee with the school committee for the purpose of studying both the feasibility of an addition to the Loughlin School, and the feasibility of joining Princeton and Sterling in the construction and joint operation of a Regional six-year high school; said committee to report to the voters at the next annual town meeting or at a special town meeting if the committee deems necessary, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for expenses of the School Building Investigation Committee, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be spent under the supervision of the School Committee for the erection of a wire fence along the drainage ditch behind the Upton and Loughlin Schools for protection and health or the piping and covering the same whichever might be most economical and permanent.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) for the purposes of providing a new classroom in the Loughlin building and installing new toilet facilities on the lower floor of the Loughlin building, or take any other action relative thereto (said sum to be spent under the supervision of the School Committee).

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700) for the re-surfacing of the parking area in front of the Loughlin building and behind the Upton School, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800) to be spent under the supervision of the School Committee for the purpose of continuing the School Lunch project.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Ten Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,050.00), to be spent under the supervision of the School Committee, for the purpose of meeting the State requirements in connection with fire protection in the Upton and Loughlin Schools.

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Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) to pay 1948 indebtedness in connection with medical services in the schools, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$899.00) covering an assessment by the Treasurer of Worcester County, representing the cost of administering the Town's share of the Worcester County Retirement System for the year ended December 31, 1948, or take any action in relation thereto.

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Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Eighty-One Dollars (\$2,081.00) for the improvement of Ridge Street, Ridge Street, East and Park Street situated in the Miles Development, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,930.37 to take care of an overdraft in Snow and Ice account for 1947-48, or act in relation thereto.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to choose a Director in accordance with the Provision under Chapter 128 General Laws, or pass a vote or votes relative thereto.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for extension work of the Town, or take any action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office and Town Hall in said Town, Seven days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this Fourteenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine.

JUDSON R. FOSTER
WALTER W. WINTTURI
WILLIAM S. JOHNSON
Selectmen of Westminster

A true copy, Attest:

TOIVO TUOMINEN
Constable of Westminster

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1949

There were two Town Meetings held during the year 1949. (In the following report of the Town Meetings is a synopsis from records of the meeting.)

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION

MARCH 5, 1949

OFFICERS ELECTED

	<i>No. of Votes</i>
MODERATOR — for One Year	
J. Philip Howard — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	93
Blanks	34
TOWN CLERK — for One Year	
Esther H. Hicks — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	115
Blanks	12
TOWN TREASURER — for One Year	
Judson R. Foster — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	111
Blanks	16
SELECTMAN — for Three Years	
Judson R. Foster — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	110
Blanks	17
BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE — for Three Years	
Eva E. Coombs — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	108
Marion Noble	1
Blanks	18
ASSESSOR — for Three Years	
Elmer E. Luoma — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	110
Blanks	17

	<i>No. of Votes</i>
SCHOOL COMMITTEE — for Three Years	
John K. Hobbs — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	101
Klemetti	1
Blanks	25
LIBRARY TRUSTEES — for Three Years (Two)	
Lois F. Innis — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	105
Arthur H. Sisson — Citz. Cau.	101
Blanks	48
HAGER PARK COMMISSIONER — for Three Years	
Frank A. Adams — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	115
Blanks	12
TAX COLLECTOR — for One Year	
Florence B. Rice — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	108
Blanks	19
CONSTABLE — for One Year	
Toivo O. Tuominen — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	121
Blanks	6
TREE WARDEN — for One Year	
Peter V. Arcangeli — Candidate for re-election — Citz. Cau.	112
Blanks	15
TOTAL VOTE	127

Completed counting the ballots and the result of the election was announced at six o'clock P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was called to order at one o'clock P.M. by Moderator J. Philip Howard. Prayer was offered by Rev. Marion R. Phelps, Minister of the Congregational Church.

Voted not to have the Town Warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Action was taken on the Articles as follows: —

Article 1. Voted that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning

January 1, 1949, and to issue a note or notes therefor, to be paid within one year, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 2. Voted that the Town accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

List as follows:—

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Elmer E. Luoma	Accountant
Paul B. Mansur	Merchant
Kaino Poikonen	Peddler
Neil L. J. Marsh	Track Inspector
Guy M. Ralph	Production Control
George Thomas	Plumber
Gordon J. Kelley	Master Mechanic
Howard I. Smith	Telephone Engineer
Walter Chatigny	Hospital Supervisor
Howard I. Winter	Clerk
Seth Heywood	Sales Analysis
Douglas Newcombe	Engineer
Harry S. Kendall	Merchant
Walker C. Brown	Clerk
Dougal C. Laughton	Farmer

Article 3. Voted that the same committees as last year serve for the ensuing year, Namely:—

MEASURERS OF WOOD, LUMBER AND BARK

Frank S. Smith	Arthur E. Merriam
Edward Hetu	Henry Waltanen

FIELD DRIVERS

Judson R. Foster	Walter W. Wintturi
William S. Johnson	

FENCE VIEWERS

Raymond I. Stockwell	Alfred P. Jones
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WATER COMMITTEE

J. Philip Howard	Otto Leino
Charles L. Smith	Howard I. Smith
Charles W. Albrow	

Article 4. Voted that the Board of Selectmen be chosen as Agents to prosecute and defend all lawsuits in behalf of the Town.

Article 5. Voted that the Collector of Taxes use all means for collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Article 6. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purpose of giving five public Band Concerts.

Article 7. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Land Court and Legal Expenses in connection with the foreclosure of several Tax Titles now held by the Town.

Article 8. Voted that the Town accept an Investment Fund created for the benefit of the Forbush Memorial Library in the amount of \$1,997.94 under the will of Florence M. Benjamin.

Article 9. Voted that the Town install a street light on Willard Road opposite the residence of Nicholas M. Van Der Mark.

Article 10. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,242.14 to pay 1944-47 bills in connection with Public Welfare Departmental obligations. 84 in the affirmative and 2 in the negative.

Article 11. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$273.03 to pay 1946-47-48 bills in connection with Old Age Assistance. 97 in the affirmative and none in the negative.

Article 12. Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$18,584.66 from Machinery Rental Account to the Machinery Repair, Purchase and Maintenance Account, also voted to transfer the sum of \$1,864.34 from Machinery Rental account to take care of an overdraft in the Repair, Purchase and Maintenance account. Forty-nine in the affirmative, seven in the negative.

Article 13. Voted that the sum of \$6,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that in addition, the sum of \$18,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Article 14. Voted that the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway, Maintenance and that in addition, the sum of \$4,000.00

be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 15. Voted that the sum of \$14,800.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction, the reimbursements from the State (\$8,325.00) and the County (\$4,625.00) to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 16. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to construct a sidewalk on one side of the street from the intersection of West Main Street and Main Street (Route 2) and continuing past the residence of Louis Arcangeli. Fifty-two in the affirmative, twenty-three in the negative.

Article 17. Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund as provided in Section 6, Chapter 40 General Laws.

Article 18:—

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS, 1949

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Expense</i>	
Moderator	\$ 25.00	—	\$ 25.00
Selectmen—(\$200.00 each)	600.00	\$ 200.00	800.00
Town Accountant	1,000.00	200.00	1,200.00
Town Treasurer	150.00	200.00	350.00
Tax Collector	900.00	400.00	1,300.00
Assistant to Tax Collector and Accountant	800.00	—	800.00
Assessors—\$300.00 Chairman, \$225.00 others)	750.00	600.00	1,350.00
Town Clerk	100.00	250.00	350.00
Board of Public Welfare (\$100.00 each)	300.00	—	300.00
School Committee (\$75.00 each)	225.00	—	225.00
Elections and Registration	—	300.00	300.00
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	\$4,850.00	\$2,150.00	
Town Hall, General Maintenance			2,000.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Fire Department	3,598.00
Forest Fire Equipment and Patrol	500.00
Police Protection	1,200.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Moth Department	500.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	75.00
Tree Warden	200.00
Insurance—Fire, Liability and Workmen's Compensation	2,000.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health (Including Dental Clinic)	1,200.00
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HIGHWAYS

Article 13—General Repairs under Chapter 81	6,000.00
Article 14—Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,000.00
Article 15—*Chapter 90 Construction (From Excess and Deficiency Fund)	1,850.00
*Bridges (From Excess and Deficiency Fund)	500.00
Snow and Ice (Highways)	8,000.00
Snow and Ice (Sidewalks)	100.00
Street Lighting	2,000.00

CHARITIES

Public Welfare	4,000.00
Mothers' Aid (A.D.C.)	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance (Administration \$300.00)	14,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	1,200.00

SCHOOLS

Schools (Including State Reimbursements)	63,822.07
Vocational Education	3,675.00

FORBUSH LIBRARY

Not including Dog Fund	2,300.00
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CEMETERIES

Including Income from Trust Funds	2,500.00
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PAYMENT ON NOTES

*School Note (From Excess and Deficiency Fund)	1,500.00
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UNCLASSIFIED

Interest on Note	225.00
Hager Park Trustees	100.00
World War Memorial	50.00
Memorial Day	150.00
Care of Town Clock	20.00
Reserve Fund (Passed Over)	
Printing Town Reports	300.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Article 6—Band Concerts	200.00
Article 7—Land Court and Legal Expenses	200.00
Article 10—1944-47 Bills, Public Welfare Department	1,242.14
Article 11—1946-47-48 Bills, Old Age Assistance	273.03
Article 16—Sidewalk Main Street (Route 2)	3,500.00
Article 20—School Building Investigation, Committee Expenses	200.00
Article 22—Classroom and Toilet Facilities (Loughlin School)	3,500.00
Article 23—Re-surfacing of Parking Area (Loughlin and Upton Schools)	700.00
Article 24—School Lunch Project	800.00
Article 25—State Requirements for Fire Protection in Loughlin and Upton Schools	1,050.00
Article 26—Painting and Puttying Windows in Upton School	500.00
Article 27—Repair to Roof of Upton School	150.00
Article 28—Medical Services	75.00
Article 29—Assessment—Town Share of Worcester County Retirement System	899.00
Article 32—Improvement of Streets in Miles Development	2,081.00
Article 33—*Overdraft in Snow and Ice Account 1947-1948 (From Excess and Deficiency Fund)	1,930.37
Article 35—Extension Work of the Town	50.00
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	\$151,165.61

*From Excess and Deficiency Fund	\$1,850.00	
	500.00	
	1,500.00	
	1,930.37	
	<hr/>	5,780.37
Total Appropriations		\$145,385.24

Assessors' Salary. An amendment to the original article was voted in the affirmative that the Chairman is to receive a salary of \$300.00, the other two members each \$225.00. Forty-seven in the affirmative and forty-one in the negative.

Old Age Assistance. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000.00, said sum to be used in conjunction with any Federal money that may be received.

Article 19. Voted that the Town authorize the School Committee and Board of Selectmen to appoint four citizens to serve as a joint committee with the School Committee for the purpose of studying both the feasibility of an addition to the Loughlin School, and the feasibility of joining Princeton and Sterling in the construction and joint operation of a Regional six-year high school, or any other towns, said committee to report to the voters at the next annual town meeting or at a special town meeting if the committee deems necessary.

Article 20. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for expenses of the School Building Investigation Committee.

Article 21. Voted that this article be passed over. (Wire fence or piping and covering of ditch behind Upton and Loughlin Schools.) Twelve in the affirmative, sixty-nine in the negative.

Article 22. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for the purpose of providing a new classroom in the Loughlin building and installing new toilet facilities on the lower floor of the Loughlin building (said sum to be spent under the supervision of the School Committee.)

Article 23. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.) for the re-surfacing of the parking area in front of the Loughlin building and behind the Upton School.

Article 24. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.) to be spent under the supervision

of the School Committee for the purpose of continuing the School Lunch project.

Article 25. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,050.) to be spent under the supervision of the School Committee for the purpose of meeting the State requirements in connection with fire protection in the Upton and Loughlin Schools.

Article 26. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.) to be spent under the supervision of the School Committee for the purpose of painting and puttying the windows of the Upton School Building.

Article 27. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.) to be spent under the supervision of the School Committee to repair the roof of the Upton School Building.

Article 28. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.) to pay 1948 indebtedness in connection with medical services in the schools. Unanimous vote.

Article 29. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$899.) covering an assessment by the Treasurer of Worcester County, representing the cost of administering the Town's share of the Worcester County Retirement System for the year ended December 31, 1948.

Article 30. (Deemed illegal, money for maintenance of quarters for Wm. S. Miller Post No. 174 A.L.) Voted to proceed with the next article.

Article 31. Voted that the Town install six street lights, the first on Route No. 2 in the vicinity of the Holmes property and extending into the Miles Development.

Article 32. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Eighty-One Dollars (\$2,081.00) for the improvement of Ridge Street, East and Park Streets, situated in the Miles Development.

Article 33. Voted that the Town take from the Excess and Deficiency Fund the sum of \$1,930.37 to take care of an overdraft in Snow and Ice Account for 1947-1948.

Article 34. Voted that Frederick J. Savage be chosen as Director in accordance with the Provision under Chapter 128 General Laws.

Article 35. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for extension work of the Town.

Meeting adjourned 5 o'clock P.M.

ESTHER H. HICKS
Town Clerk

RECORD OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23, 1949

Article 1. Voted that the article be passed over.

Article 2. Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$220.00 from available funds in the Treasury for the administration of the Old Age Assistance.

Article 3. Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$450.00 from available funds in the Treasury for Aid to Dependent Children.

Article 4. Voted that the article be passed over.

Article 5. Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$388.75 from available funds in the Treasury to pay 1947-1948 bills, \$334.44 for 1947 Public Welfare, and \$54.31 for 1948 Old Age Assistance. Vote of 118 in the Affirmative, and 2 in the Negative.

Article 6. Motion by Ralph O. Owen, seconded by Lauri V. Suominen, and voted that the Town instruct the Water Committee to take such legal steps as may be necessary to obtain the passage of permissive legislation authorizing the Town to establish a Town Water System for the purpose of supplying its inhabitants with water. 145 in Affirmative, 13 in Negative.

Meeting adjourned 10 o'clock P.M.

ESTHER H. HICKS
Town Clerk

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

For the Year Ending December 31, 1949

Note: If any error in names or dates are noticed, or any omissions, please inform the Town Clerk.

Births recorded	64
Deaths recorded	35
Brought in Town for Burial (non-residents)	14
World War II Veterans from Overseas	2
Marriages	27

BIRTHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Names of Parents</i>
Jan. 4	Norma Irene Kaulback	Aubrey C. and Frances (Russell)
Jan. 5	Linda Ann Hakkinen	Waino E. and Viola A. (Nikunen)
Jan. 17	Everett Michael Judkins	Everett G. and Margaret R. (Caron)
Jan. 28	Carleton Wallis May	Wilson Harold and Mar- jorie Forbes (Arey)
Jan. 29	David Edmund Maynard Dahm	Maynard L. E. and Avis I. (Nelson)
Jan. 30	Peter Robert Bilodeau	Leo E. and Marjorie I. (Fuller)
Feb. 5	Thomas Michael Holmes	Floyd T. and Margaret A. (Arsenault)
Feb. 16	Linda Louise Kamila	Adolf and Lahja Irene (Tuomi)
Feb. 21	Sheila Anna Maki	Toivo and Phyllis (Moore)
Feb. 21	Peggy Elna Ruosteoja	Martin and Elsie (Pelto)
Feb. 26	Gary Preston Esancy	Preston W. and Priscilla (Packard)
Mar. 3	Donald Sargent Foster	Ralph S., Jr. and Ruth (Jowders)
Mar. 5	Rawle Russell Baum	Russell R. and Helen (Smith)
Mar. 9	Jane Ann Wilson	Ernest C. and Anna M. (Esposito)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Names of Parents</i>
Mar. 10	Lynne Curtis Roper	Harold J. and Phyllis (Farwell)
Mar. 22	Winfred Apollo Smith	Kendall E. and Thena (Eaton)
Mar. 28	Neil Forrest Vieweg	Herman C. and Ardath (Woollacott)
Mar. 30	Jacquelyn Bragdon	George A. and Lillian H. (Page)
April 9	Lucy Esther Ricard	Donald N. and Ethel E. (Beaumier)
April 10	Edward Henry Wilkins	Edward H. and Pauline (Hartnett)
April 21	Gail Marie Cooper	John G. and Rita P. (Cleary)
April 22	Ethel Jenny Kotka	Waino and Alice (Snell)
April 25	Eric Loyd Mayranen	Wilho and Terttu E. (Inki)
April 25	Donna Lee Forgues	Leon and Marion (Guinard)
May 9	Allan Erick Waronen	Allan and Elaine (Nikki)
May 22	Irene Barbara Cardinal	Murray J. and Barbara (Knowles)
May 26	Kathleen May O'Hearn	Daniel and Lillian (Hunt)
May 30	Cristine Rose Bennett	Robert C. and Juliette (Richard)
June 12	Michael Anthony Gallant	Alvin A. and Pearl M. (Baker)
July 3	Leo Paul Omer Lizotte	Omer and Lorraine (Cormier)
July 4	Jeanne Louise Hayward	Lewis N. and Frances M. (Page)
July 8	Glenn Alan Havener	Robert A. and Vivian (Cross)
July 8	Linda Helena Holm	Arthur V. and Sylvia T. (Hokkanen)
July 12	Marcus Scott Prentiss	Dana S. and Helen L. (Letendre)
July 21	Eila Helena Jamsa	Eino J. and Tyyne A. (Vaananen)
July 27	Karen Joanna Nikula	Peter E. and Phyllis (Burger)
Aug. 5	Esther Valerie Grant	James T. and Esther (Leighton)
Aug. 7	Donna Lynn Doiron	Herve and Marilyn Edna (Remse)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Names of Parents</i>
Aug. 9	Roberta Estella Hickey	William R. and Dorothy C. (Gage)
Aug. 9	Craig Robert Luoma	Robert J. and Joan (Henstridge)
Aug. 13	Evelyn Louise Beardsley	Louis and Ruth (Phillips)
Aug. 13	Helen Ruth Beardsley	Louis and Ruth (Phillips)
Aug. 13	Walter Orrin Brigham	Orrin A. and Alice Marie (Adamson)
Aug. 15	Maria Skopelites	Stamates G. and Julie (Petalas)
Aug. 17	Robert Carter Mason	Robert Carter and Jane (Woodward)
Aug. 17	David Earl Shaw	Leon and Eva (Fontaine)
Sept. 3	James Richard Aalto	Wilho Stephen and Lempi Helena (Tuomi)
Sept. 4	Mark Allen Divoll	Elton and Ruth (Dunham)
Sept. 12	Judith Elaine Marjomaa	Henry M. and Bertha (Minkkinen)
Sept. 20	Peter Wayne Linnus	Armas and Vieno (Koski)
Sept. 23	Karen Anne Lindroth	Leonard Carl and Sylvia Mildred (Muhonen)
Oct. 7	Bradford Lee McMilleon	Russell Gene and Dorothy Mildred (Merrill)
Oct. 10	Andrew Charles Sakkinen	William Herman and Helen Anna (Nikkila)
Oct. 11	Peter Gage Lahtinen	Arne Charles and Rachel Adams (Gage)
Oct. 17	Albert Dominic Testa	Anthony and Cecile (Rameau)
Oct. 28	Jane Lydia Williams	John L. and Lillian (Goguen)
Oct. 31	Philip Arthur Merriam	Arthur and Nicolina (Franciosi)
Nov. 5	Chester Norman Bennett	William C., Jr. and Leona (Montville)
Nov. 21	Mary Jane Prendergast	Thomas F. and Priscilla L. (Levesque)
Nov. 27	Janice Margaret LeClair	Joseph Albert and Leontina Theresa (Skorko)
Nov. 29	Janice Louise Barrett	Leo Joseph and Shirley May (Drown)
Nov. 30	Janice Rita Phelps	Russell C. and Rita (Brooks)

Dec. 17	David Allen Towle	Harold Allan, Jr. and Margaret Mae (Bunn)
Dec. 24	Fred Hollis Coddling	Arthur E., Jr. and Theresa R. (Savalier)

DEATHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
Jan. 2	Ina Hamlett	64	3	28
Jan. 4	Ernest Lovewell	62	8	19
Jan. 22	Charles Elwin Page	73	7	17
Jan. 27	Daniel W. Havener	51	6	15
Feb. 2	Alice Gorman	74	0	10
Feb. 7	Anna Ware Loughlin	76	10	29
Feb. 25	Mary Lanoue	47	4	2
April 10	Baby Boy Wilkins			14 Hours
April 11	Myra Miller Howard	83	11	23
April 12	Nellie M. (Nolan) Hancock	76	0	0
April 16	Emma (Bourque) Boudreau	75	0	10
April 28	Jooseppi Maki	86	6	17
May 2	Nellie E. Fletcher	77	0	7
May 8	Mary (Lanphear) Howard	73	11	2
May 23	Female Cardinal	10 Hours and 12 Minutes		
May 25	Carlos Edwin Barron	80	3	19
June 4	Mildred L. (Allen) Nye	66	9	25
June 9	Mary Susie Harrington	83	4	11
June 11	Geneva Whitney	83	1	18
July 13	Otto W. Hanninen	65	7	29
July 18	Martha Ellen Stone	73	3	7
July 29	Laura May Chalmers	64	3	5
July 30	George F. Wiswell	83	2	0
Aug. 7	Herman A. Shepard	72	4	5
Aug. 8	Allen T. Brockway	76	7	8
Aug. 14	Helen Beardsley			1½
Aug. 30	Lyydi Forsell	64	0	0
Sept. 1	Luna Josephine Black	90	6	23
Sept. 10	James Aalto	—	—	7
Sept. 16	Addie E. Barron	79	8	25
Nov. 9	Harry W. Miller	76	0	8
Nov. 24	Frank V. Braks	38	5	6
Nov. 26	Marie A. Lizotte	60	11	3
Dec. 8	Napoleon Noel	70	7	1
Dec. 30	Fred H. Lucas	84	5	15

WORLD WAR II VETERANS FROM OVERSEAS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
Sept. 28, 1944	T/Sgt. Douglas E. Hicks	19	9	14
Feb. 17, 1945	Pfc. Arthur Elwood MacAloney	28	8	2

BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL
(NON-RESIDENTS)

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Yrs.</i>	<i>Mos.</i>	<i>Days</i>
Jan. 26	Fannie Eliza Estey Minott	Melrose	86	8	1
Jan. 30	George Austin Bragdon	Princeton	37	9	11
April 3	Maude H. McAllester	Everett	65	7	1
April 27	Richard Blaine Crowe	Shrewsbury	—	1	9
May 13	Peter H. Sakkinen	Mechanic Falls, Me.	46	2	21
May 19	Dean Holmes	Winchendon	5	8	10
May 25	Dorric C. Currier	Auburn, Me.	87	7	0
July 17	Martha Helen Atlin	West Hart- ford, Conn.	42	0	0
Aug. 16	Lillie Belle (Parker) Currier	Ashburnham	83	0	3
Sept. 28	Frank L. Knight	Foxborough	75	4	3
Oct. 19	Winifred Mary Hill	Fitchburg	62	9	8
Oct. 25	Nellie Louise Estabrook	Richmond, R. I.	61	10	21
Dec. 11	Emily Perkins	Harvard	58	0	0
Dec. 27	Charles J. Stone	Leominster	74	5	18

MARRIAGES

<i>Date and Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
January 29	John James Profit Clarke	Westminster
Westminster	Louise Mary (LeBlanc) Hammond	Westminster
March 12	Kendall Ernest Smith	Westminster
Leominster	Thena Loveland Eaton	Fitchburg

<i>Date and Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
April 16 Westminster	Edwin Lancaster Pace Margaret Lane	Westminster Westminster
April 16 Westminster	Stuart Clifford Butterfield Aino Linea Hintala	Westminster Westminster
April 20 Westminster	Raymond Joseph Martel Audrey Louise Page	Gardner Westminster
May 21 Fitzwilliam, N. H.	Toivo Edwin Koski Saara Maria Parnanen	South Royalston Westminster
May 22 New Britain, Conn.	John Nathan Hartwell Barbara Jane Kendrick	Westminster New Britain, Conn.
June 18 Gardner	Wilfred Henry Lanoue, Jr. Germaine Doris Fredette	Westminster Gardner
June 18 Westminster	John Henri Ratikainen Matilda S. (Palmen) Mätson	Troy, N. H. Troy, N. H.
July 1 Westminster	Paul William Kujanpaa Ethel Selma Elo	Fitchburg Melrose
July 2 Fitchburg	Sidney Warren Gordon, Jr. Janet Arlene Holmes	Westminster Westminster
July 11 Westminster	Ralph E. Progen Elvi Johanna Santa	Gardner Templeton
July 23 Gardner	Albert Edward Holmes Polly Stone	Westminster Gardner
August 5 Fitchburg	William Jack Jamsa Vellamo Catherine Wirkkala	Westminster Fitchburg
August 6 Westminster	Richard Walter Ahlin, Jr. Sylvia Elizabeth Morse	Westminster Westminster
August 21 Greenfield	Harold Allan Towle, Sr. Bertha Alene (Hodgkins) Barker	Westminster Keene, N. H.

<i>Date and Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
August 27 Westminster	Roland Arthur Congram Jr. Neoma Claire Brackett	Fitchburg Westminster
September 28 Westminster	Barry H. Whitman Gladys A. Rugg	West Boylston Sterling
October 3 Fitchburg	James William Eyles Marguerite Lorraine Pitre	Westminster Fitchburg
October 8 Troy, N. H.	Edwin Allan Salmi Elsie Lillian Waaranen	Westminster Hubbardston
October 17 Fitchburg	John Joseph Quartarone Angelina Bonina	Fitchburg Westminster
October 29 Gardner	Walter Andrew Onischuk June Ellen Lehtola	Gardner Westminster
November 5 Fitchburg	Hervey Goguen Dorothy Boucher	Fitchburg Westminster
November 9 Westminster	Harry C. Earle Mary N. (Hovey) Merrifield	Westminster Westminster
November 24 Manchester, N. H.	Ellsworth C. Stevenson Minnie F. Riley	Westminster Manchester, N. H.
December 23 Worcester	William P. Wrightson Helen V. (Laukkanen) Parker	Worcester Westminster
December 31 Westminster	Charles S. Ayers Marion W. (Hill) Sampson	Gardner Gardner

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1949

Licenses have been issued to the following persons: —

Aalto, Eino	\$2.00	Breton, George E.	\$2.00
Abar, E. J.	2.00	Buckman, Harold	2.00
Adams, Joseph, Jr.	2.00	Cannon, Edward A. (3)	6.00
Aho, Lauri	2.00	Card, Edward	2.00
Aho, Matti	2.00	Carey, John F.	2.00
Ahola, John	5.00	Caron, Raymond	2.00
Andreasson, Selfred (3)	6.00	Carpenter, Earl G.	2.00
Anttila, Henry	2.00	Carpenter, Iola	2.00
Anttila, Reino	2.00	Caswell, Howard E.	2.00
Arcangeli, Dante	2.00	Clark, Wilton	2.00
Arcangeli, Virginia	2.00	Clark, John J.	2.00
Ball, Arnold	2.00	Clarkson, Robert	2.00
Ballou, Georgia	5.00	Clarkson, Samuel F.	5.00
Banville, Jeanner	2.00	Codding, Arthur E., Sr.	2.00
Barrett, Edward (2)	4.00	Codding, Arthur E., Jr.	(2) 7.00
Battles, Roger W. (2)	7.00	Conant, Richard	2.00
Beers, Raymond P.	2.00	Coombs, Brian	2.00
Belluci, Cosmos	2.00	Cossaboom, Janet	2.00
Benham, Creighton	2.00	Croteau, Romeo J.	5.00
Benjamin, Chester (2)	10.00	Cummings, Burt P.	2.00
Bennett, Robert C.	2.00	Czerwinski, Frank W.	2.00
Bennett, William C., Sr. (3)	15.00	Dahm, Maynard	2.00
Berggren, John	2.00	Davis, Harry	2.00
Bernhardt, Carl	2.00	Desmond, Harold F., Jr.	2.00
Bilson, Kirwan J.	2.00	Dube, Edward	2.00
Blais, Mrs. Julian J.	2.00	Dugan, Mary	2.00
Bonnallie, Everett	2.00	Dunn, Mrs. Charlotte	2.00
Boucher, Joseph	2.00	Dunn, Mrs. Helen	2.00
Boudreau, Joseph A.	2.00	Earle, Minnie E.	5.00
Bradford, Wentworth S.	2.00	Elola, John	2.00
Braks, Tauno	2.00	Engman, George A. (2)	7.00
Breau, Alfred	2.00	Fenno, Margaret	2.00

Ferris, Norma	\$2.00	Hurme, Arnold E.	\$2.00
Forsell, Waino	2.00	Hussari, Andrew	2.00
Foster, Ralph S., Jr.	2.00	Hutchinson, Bertha	2.00
French, Alan	2.00	Innis, Lois F.	2.00
Friberg, Edith	2.00	Jaaskelainen, Eino	2.00
Gallant, Delphin	2.00	Jaaskelainen, Herman	2.00
Garvick, Edward W.	2.00	Jamsa, William	2.00
Gauthier, Joseph	5.00	Jarvenpaa, Eino (2)	4.00
Gebo, Frederick	2.00	Jean, Philip (2)	4.00
Goodridge, Wilfred		Jenkins, William	2.00
H. (2)	4.00	John-Henry-Georgianna	2.00
Gordon, Masey	2.00	Johnson, Harold	5.00
Graham, Donald	2.00	Johnson, Hjalmer	2.00
Grainger, Arthur	2.00	Johnson, Raymond	2.00
Greenough, Clyde L.	2.00	Johnson, Walter	2.00
Greenwood, Delbert	2.00	Kahkola, Eli P.	2.00
Greenwood, Mrs. Ellen	2.00	Kajander, Arvo	2.00
Haakamaa, John	2.00	Kamilla, Adolf	2.00
Halpin, Elliot	2.00	Kantola, Linda	2.00
Hakkila, Aileen	2.00	Karkkainen, Antti	2.00
Hakkila, Raymond	2.00	Kelly, Gordon	2.00
Hancock, Melvin (3)	9.00	Kelty, Lester J.	2.00
Handlin, Ruth	5.00	Kennedy, Harold	2.00
Happonen, Alisa	2.00	Kinnari, Ida	2.00
Harju, Helen	2.00	Klemetti, K. Ilmari	2.00
Hebert, Andrew P.	2.00	Kotka, Waino (2)	4.00
Heimo, John, Jr.	2.00	Kotoski, Boleslaw	2.00
Heins, Wm. R., Jr.	2.00	Kujanpaa, Paul	2.00
Henstridge, George A.	2.00	Kurikka, Eino	2.00
Henstridge, George	2.00	LaBeck, Mary	2.00
Hermes, Nishan M.	2.00	Lahtinen, Ahti	5.00
Herold, Roger W.	2.00	Lahtinen, Charles	2.00
Heughins, Charles F.	2.00	Laine, John	2.00
Heywood, Seth (2)	7.00	Laitinen, Arma	2.00
Hills, Phillips A., Jr.	2.00	Lamsa, Toivo	2.00
Hintala, Eino	2.00	Landry, Louis	2.00
Hirvonen, Norman (2)	4.00	Lanoue, Robert	2.00
Hitchcock, Edward	2.00	Lanson, Beverly	2.00
Holm, Arthur	2.00	Lanson, Onni	2.00
Holm, Carl A.	2.00	LaQuire, Maynard	5.00
Holm, Carl F.	2.00	Larson, M.	2.00
Holmes, Irene	2.00	LaSalle, Leon O.	5.00
Honkala, Oiva	2.00	Laughton, Elizabeth Ann	2.00
Howard, John	5.00	Laughton, Helen	2.00

Laukkanen, Linda	\$2.00	Minkkinen, Otto	\$2.00
Lavoie, Joseph	2.00	Morse, Beren	2.00
Lawler, Robert P. (2)	4.00	Morse, Leone M. (2)	4.00
Leavenworth, Gordon F.	2.00	Morse, Patricia	2.00
LeClair, Raymond	2.00	Moryl, Frank, Sr.	2.00
L'Ecuier, Herman	2.00	Muhonen, Harold	2.00
Leger, Real J. (2)	7.00	Murdock, Warren, J.	2.00
Lehtola, Arnold	2.00	Nash, George O. (8)	16.00
Lehtola, Atso	5.00	Nelson, Jesse (2)	7.00
Leighton, Elmer	5.00	Nesman, Rudolph	2.00
Leighton, Wm.	5.00	Nesman, Walter	2.00
LeMieur, Benjamin	2.00	Newcomb, Douglas P.	2.00
Liimitainen, Walter	2.00	Newton, Edmund (3)	6.00
Lilius, Walter	2.00	Niemi, Kasper	2.00
Lindquist, Carl N.	2.00	Niinimaki, Eino	2.00
Lindroth, Leonard	2.00	Nikunen, Jack	2.00
Lindroth, Mildred	2.00	Noel, Exzelia	2.00
Lindstrom, Eskil A. (2)	4.00	Noel, St. Denis	2.00
Loescher, Max R.	2.00	Nygard, Gail	2.00
Lothrop, John	5.00	Oja, Frank	2.00
Lucander, Vilho (2)	4.00	Ojala, Jacob E.	2.00
Luke, Gladys	2.00	O'Neill, John M.	2.00
Luoma, Robert	2.00	Owen, Ralph O.	2.00
MacAloney, Cora	2.00	Owler, Robert N.	5.00
MacAloney, Wm., Jr.	2.00	Owler, Thomas D.	5.00
McAdams, Leon		Page, Audrey and Helen	2.00
H., Jr. (2)	4.00	Page, Lawrence	2.00
McConologue, Patricia	2.00	Percy, Laura D.	2.00
Makela, Andrew J.	2.00	Peterson, Onni	2.00
Maki, Eino	2.00	Phelps, Herbert	2.00
Maki, Kusti	5.00	Phelps, Russell C.	2.00
Maki, Waino	2.00	Phillips, Norman	2.00
Mannila, Onni	5.00	Pienimaa, Kalle	5.00
Mansur, Edith V. (3)	6.00	Poikonen, Alan	2.00
Marien, Philip	2.00	Prouty, Mrs. Samuel L.	5.00
Mason, Robert C.	2.00	Rameau, Wm.	2.00
Mattson, Wm.	2.00	Rautaruusu, Jonko	2.00
May, Robert	2.00	Raymond, Frederick G.	2.00
May, Wilson	2.00	Ramse, Arthur (3)	9.00
Maynard, Arlene	2.00	Reynolds, Kenneth	2.00
Merriam, Helen	2.00	Robillard, Walter U.	2.00
Meurer, Annetta	2.00	Rogers, Arthur B. (2)	7.00
Milbert, Anthony	2.00	Roiha, Mrs. Maria	2.00
Miller, Richard	2.00	Roper, Clarence G. (2)	4.00

Russ, Mrs. Lucia B.	\$2.00	Thomas, June	\$2.00
Sakkinen, Herman (2)	4.00	Towle, Joan	2.00
Salo, Andrew	2.00	Trudel, Antonio	2.00
Samuli, Kauko	2.00	Tuomi, Axel	2.00
Sargent, John A.	2.00	Tuominen, Toivo (2)	4.00
Scammell, Evelyn	2.00	Tuuri, Eugene	2.00
Seaver, Roella	2.00	Tuuri, Irma	5.00
Semenuk, Walter (2)	4.00	Viita, Victor	5.00
Shay, Mrs. Althea	2.00	Vincent, Mary	2.00
Shepard, Beatrice L.	2.00	Wainonen, Toivo	2.00
Silvonen, Hjalmar	2.00	Walkonen, Oiva (3)	6.00
Skidmore, Herbert I.	2.00	Wallin, George I.	2.00
Smart, Ralph (2)	4.00	Waltanen, Henry	2.00
Smith, Ernest E.	2.00	Walton, Dorothy	2.00
Smith, Miss Harriet	2.00	Wartiainen, Peter	2.00
Smith, Howard I.	2.00	Wasara, Reino	2.00
Smith, Mary	2.00	Watkins, Charline (4)	8.00
Smith, Paul K.	2.00	Westerfors, Eric	2.00
Snellman, Toivo	2.00	Wiinikainen, Waino	2.00
Soini, Waino	2.00	Wiggins, Frank A.	2.00
St. John, Walter	2.00	Wilen, Anselm	2.00
Stockwell, William B.	2.00	Wilen, Toivo	2.00
Stone, George	2.00	Wilson, Hugo	2.00
Streeter, Elmer E.	2.00	Winchenback, Alton J.	2.00
Sundstrom, Richard	2.00	Winter, Eino	2.00
Sunne, Walter H.	2.00	Wintturi, William (2)	4.00
Suomala, Michael	2.00	Wiswell, George F.	2.00
Sutela, Edward	2.00	Wuth, Ethel	2.00
Sutela, Eino	2.00	Young, Lois	2.00
Tandy, W. Arthur	2.00	Young, Ralph E.	2.00

Total

\$812.00

Kennel licenses issued to the following: —

Grenier, Albert J.	10.00
Kowalewski, Jeannette B.	50.00
Miller, Clyde	10.00
Nash, George O.	25.00
Otto, Luther	25.00
Salo, Lennard C.	10.00

1948 licenses issued in 1949: —

Desmond, Harold F., Jr.	2.00
Samuli, Kauko	2.00
Vincent, Mary	2.00

Total	\$948.00
Clerk's Fees	71.60

Amount paid to Town Treasurer to December 31, 1949	\$876.40
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Transfer license issued to Arlene Maynard.

ESTHER H. HICKS
Town Clerk

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31st, 1949

Cash on hand January 1st, 1949	\$ 71,144.59
Received from Tax Collector 1948 Taxes	9,879.10
Received from Tax Collector 1949 Taxes	84,321.03
Received from Tax Collector 1948 Excise Taxes	231.00
Received from Tax Collector 1949 Excise Taxes	11,372.91
Interest on All Taxes	273.98
Demands	15.75
Metropolitan Water District Direct Tax	14.00
City of Fitchburg 1948 Direct Tax	1,192.50
City of Fitchburg 1949 Direct Tax	1,060.00
Income on Library Funds	235.64
Income on Water Fund	237.50
Tax Titles	278.00

TRANSFERS FROM TRUST FUNDS

Frederick W. Smith Worthy Poor Fund	456.00
Joseph Hager School Fund	200.00
George C. Upton School Fund	386.83
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	206.00
Taxes Withheld on Salaries and Wages	4,194.10
All other Receipts as shown on the Report of the Town Accountant	120,951.19

Total 1949 Receipts	<u>\$306,650.12</u>
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Expended on Warrants approved by the Selectmen	\$232,887.22
Cash on hand and in Banks December 31st, 1949	73,762.90

	<u>\$306,650.12</u>
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NOTES PAYABLE

Schoolhouse Notes	\$ 7,500.00
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JOSEPH HAGER SCHOOL FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 4,000.00	
Gardner Trust Company	1,001.08	
Leominster Savings Bank	2,000.00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	2,500.00	
\$5,000.00 U. S. Savings Bonds		
2½% Series G	5,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 14,501.08
Principal, \$14,476.63		

PRESTON P. ELLIS SCHOOL FUND

Fitchburg Savings Bank	\$ 500.00	
Gardner Trust Company	365.63	
	<hr/>	\$ 865.63
Principal, \$853.31		

FREDERICK W. SMITH WORTHY POOR FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 817.52	
Gardner Savings Bank	5,821.60	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Athol Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Leominster Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Worcester County Institution for Savings	3,000.00	
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	3,000.00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	6,851.00	
\$5,000.00 U. S. Savings Bonds		
2% Series G	5,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 36,490.12
Principal, \$36,298.29		

MILTON A. CREED CEMETERY WALL FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 1,337.08	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,337.08
Principal, \$1,323.82		

CHARLES R. DUTTON SCHOOL FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 946.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 946.40
Principal, \$937.02		

DANIEL W. SANDERS CEMETERY FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 2,340.74	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2,340.74
Principal, \$2294.63		

JOSEPH R. BARRELL CEMETERY FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 2,118.17	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	389.20	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2,507.37
Principal, \$2,458.92		

ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 68.80	
	<u> </u>	\$ 68.80
Principal, \$61.95		

WYMAN WATER FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 3,500.00	
Gardner Trust Company	4,500.00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	7,000.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 15,000.00
Principal, \$15,000.00		

JOSEPH W. FORBUSH WORTHY POOR FUND

Worcester North Savings Institution	\$ 4,019.57	
	<u> </u>	\$ 4,019.57
Principal, \$3,950.15		

GEORGE C. UPTON SCHOOL FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 612.63	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	694.83	
Orange Savings Bank	541.20	
Peoples Savings Bank of Worcester	1,000.00	
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	1,000.00	
Gardner Trust Company	3,016.76	
Worcester County Institution for Savings	1,100.00	
25 shares Pullman Inc. at market $34\frac{3}{4}$	868.75	
28 shares American Tel. and Tel. Company at market $148\frac{1}{4}$	4,151.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 12,985.17
Principal, \$12,909.19		

POST-WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 3,077.12	
Gardner Trust Company	1,017.22	
Worcester North Savings Institution	2,680.51	
\$10,000.00 U. S. Savings Bonds		
2½% Series G	10,000.00	
		\$ 16,774.85
Principal, \$16,409.82		

FLORENCE M. BENJAMIN FORBUSH MEMORIAL
LIBRARY INVESTMENT FUND

Gardner Trust Company	\$ 2,017.95	
		\$ 2,017.95
Principal, \$1,997.94		

FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Sarah M. Barnes Fund		
Gardner Savings Bank	\$ 200.00	
Adelaide Warner Berry Fund		
Gardner Savings Bank	100.00	
Lucy J. Childs Fund		
Fitchburg Savings Bank	150.00	
Preston P. Ellis Fund		
Fitchburg Savings Bank	500.00	
Mary A. Farnsworth Fund		
Leominster Savings Bank	525.00	
Charles A. Forbush Fund		
Leominster Savings Bank	500.00	
Joseph W. Forbush Fund		
Athol Savings Bank	1,000.00	
Henrietta M. Gates Fund		
Gardner Trust Company	3,509.31	
Arabella R. Hager Fund		
Gardner Savings Bank	600.00	
Manson D. Haws Fund		
Winchendon Savings Bank	1,000.00	
George A. Miller Fund		
Worcester North Savings Institution	1,901.16	
Daniel W. Sanders Fund		
Fitchburg Savings Bank	2,000.00	
Town Library Fund (Local Subscriptions)		
Fitchburg Savings Bank	1,800.00	
Fred S. Whitman Fund		
Gardner Savings Bank	300.00	
		\$ 14,085.47

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS

December 31st, 1949

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1949</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1949</i>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Allen, Frederick	155.50	3.12	2.00	156.62
Allen, Lyman	157.34	3.15	1.50	158.99
Adams, George H.	150.95	2.65	1.00	152.60
Bacon, Edward	123.58	1.23	1.00	123.81
Baker, Albert A.	101.68	1.01	—	102.69
Baker, Calvin	64.47	1.12	—	65.59
Baker, Charles F.	52.52	.91	—	53.43
Baker, Eber and Eunice	116.05	2.33	1.00	117.38
Baker, Eliza	139.31	2.44	1.00	140.75
Baker, Ellen L.	110.88	2.21	—	113.09
Baker, George C.	77.07	.76	—	77.83
Ballou and Goodfellow	103.39	1.81	1.00	104.20
Barnes, Sarah M.	106.44	1.06	1.00	106.50
Barrell, Joseph	171.01	3.00	1.50	172.51
Barron, William B.	116.61	2.04	1.00	117.65
Barrows and Griffin	108.83	1.90	1.00	109.73
Bartow, Hattie W.	52.20	.52	—	52.72
Battles, Alfred	103.08	1.02	.75	103.35
Battles, Benjamin F.	110.86	1.94	1.00	111.80
Battles, George A.	110.97	1.94	1.00	111.91
Beaman, Ruth Peckham	53.41	1.75	—	55.16
Bean, John	52.08	.91	—	52.99

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

Name of Fund	Balance	Income	Expended	Balance
	January 1st, 1949			December 31st, 1949
Bean, Laura J.	114.72	2.01	1.00	115.73
Benjamin, Frank E.	201.25	3.53	1.00	203.78
Benjamin, William H.	126.18	1.26	1.00	126.44
Berry, Adelaide Warner	101.38	1.00	—	102.38
Berry, Bernice Flint	210.42	2.10	1.75	210.77
Bigelow, Benson	113.32	2.27	1.00	114.59
Bigelow, Francis B.	103.41	2.07	1.00	104.48
Black, William J. and Harry W.	107.33	2.15	1.00	108.48
Bolton, Alonzo D.	119.11	2.39	—	121.50
Bolton, A. Jackson	102.68	1.02	1.00	102.70
Bolton, Franklin E.	108.29	1.08	1.00	108.37
Bolton, Simeon and Elizabeth Whitney	109.48	1.92	1.00	110.40
Borey, Melissa J.	53.95	.53	—	54.48
Brooks, Stillman, Edward and Alfred	226.17	2.26	1.50	226.93
Brown, John	126.77	2.54	1.50	127.81
Brown, Timothy	113.52	1.13	1.00	113.65
Burnham, Edwin L.	103.91	1.03	—	104.94
Burpee, Viola N.	82.68	1.65	—	84.33
Bruce, James R. and George W.	120.56	2.11	1.00	121.67
Carpenter, Joseph	81.75	1.63	—	83.38
Carr, George W.	120.92	2.11	1.50	121.53
Carter, Merriam and Hannaford	168.90	2.96	1.50	170.36
Carter, William H.	103.94	1.03	—	104.97

Chase, Lillie J.	52.47	1.04	—	53.51
Childs, Lucy J.	223.69	3.92	1.50	226.11
Clark, Hattie M. and Flora	111.50	1.95	1.00	112.45
Coleman and Derby	180.52	3.62	1.00	183.14
Cook, Levi	102.50	1.02	—	103.52
Cowee, Sarah M.	148.09	2.97	1.50	149.56
Crouch, Louise M.	102.03	1.79	1.00	102.82
Curtis, Alonzo and Frank A.	211.99	3.71	2.00	213.70
Cutler, Jonas	111.75	22.3	1.00	112.98
Daisy, Henry H.	116.02	2.33	—	118.35
Davis, George M.	105.08	1.84	—	106.92
Davis, Horace E.	105.13	1.84	1.00	105.97
Dawley, Charles B.	104.46	2.09	1.00	105.55
Derby, Walter	102.92	1.02	—	103.94
Drury, Sarah E.	157.49	3.16	—	160.65
Dupee, Charles H. and Mary	248.01	4.98	2.50	250.49
Durling, Alfred R.	112.71	1.12	1.00	112.83
Eager, Augustus	103.19	1.02	—	104.21
Eager, Horatio	101.44	1.00	—	102.44
Eaton, Frank	108.56	2.17	1.00	109.73
Eaton, Lura B.	115.00	2.01	1.00	116.01
Eaton, Mary W.	52.97	.52	—	53.49
Eaton, Marshall	156.07	3.13	1.50	157.70
Eaton, Nathan, Jr.	104.16	2.09	—	106.25
Eaton, Stillman	155.26	3.11	1.50	156.87
Eaton, William	169.90	3.40	2.00	171.30
Elliott, Flora E.	51.29	.50	—	51.79
Ellis, Preston P.	191.52	3.35	1.50	193.37
Emerton, Napoleon	101.47	1.00	1.00	101.47

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1949</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1948</i>
Estabrook, Edward C.	58.45	1.02	—	59.47
Estabrook, Joseph W.	54.36	1.08	—	55.44
Estey, Oliver	127.24	1.26	1.00	127.50
Farnsworth, Mary A.	59.50	1.19	—	60.69
Fenno, Edgar E.	208.40	3.65	1.50	210.55
Fenno, Frank W.	164.47	3.30	1.50	166.27
Fenno, Franklin B.	104.75	2.09	—	106.84
Fenno, Thaddeus B.	109.17	2.19	1.00	110.36
Flagg, Otis	108.90	2.17	1.00	110.07
Forbush, Charles A.	142.27	2.85	1.50	143.62
Forbush, Joseph W.	267.34	5.37	2.50	270.21
Foskett, Sarah A.	59.66	1.78	—	61.44
Foster, Judson	210.36	4.22	1.50	213.08
Frye, Royal L.	102.70	1.80	1.00	103.50
Gates, Helen	68.24	1.18	1.00	68.42
Gates, Leonard	105.56	2.11	1.00	106.67
Gaut, Thomas	53.47	.52	—	53.99
Giles, Charles F.	207.67	4.16	1.50	210.33
Goodridge, John C.	161.57	1.61	1.00	162.18
Goodridge and Rice	102.18	1.02	—	103.20
Goss and Sanborn	104.17	2.09	1.00	105.26
Greene, Robert H.	106.57	2.13	1.00	107.70
Griffin, Carlos G.	215.46	4.32	1.00	218.78

Hadley, Laura E.	105.21	1.85	1.00	106.06
Hager, Elijah	99.50	1.99	—	101.49
Hager, George W.	91.61	1.83	—	93.44
Hager, Joseph	448.85	4.49	3.00	450.34
Ham, George S. and Andrew C.	246.33	4.33	1.50	249.16
Hansen, Hans and Marie A. K.	109.12	2.19	1.00	110.31
Harrington and Wheeler	55.82	1.11	—	56.93
Harris and Barnes	104.30	1.04	—	105.34
Hartwell, Leander	54.96	1.09	—	56.05
Hay, Arthur	245.00	4.30	2.00	247.30
Haynes, George N.	109.48	1.09	.50	110.07
Healy and Dalrymple	51.78	.51	—	52.29
Herold, Oswald and Minnie	102.55	1.80	—	104.35
Hicks, Carrie E. (New \$100.00)	153.93	1.57	.50	155.00
Hill and Wilson (New \$125.00)	225.00	1.63	—	226.63
Hill, David W.	240.10	2.40	1.50	241.00
Hodge, Charles L.	100.00	1.13	1.00	100.13
Holden, Asa	104.26	2.09	1.00	105.35
Holden and Eames	178.74	3.58	2.00	180.32
Holden, Jonas	54.31	1.08	—	55.39
Holmes, James W.	150.00	2.06	—	152.06
Holmes, Rufus	109.74	2.19	1.00	110.93
Hood, Mary E.	146.22	2.93	1.00	148.15
Howard, Joseph	171.10	3.43	—	174.53
Howard, Nellie	53.36	1.06	—	54.42
Howard, Nathan	183.36	1.83	1.00	184.19
Howe, Daniel M.	218.56	3.84	1.50	220.90
Hurd, Daniel E.	84.85	1.69	1.00	85.54
Ingram, E. D. and Mrs.	106.21	1.87	1.00	107.08

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1949</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1949</i>
Jackson, Levi and Jane	140.45	1.40	1.00	140.85
Jillson, Lester D.	106.71	2.13	1.00	107.84
Johnson, John	107.79	1.88	1.00	108.67
Jones-Henry, Percival (New)	150.00	—	—	150.00
Karkkainen, Andrew A.	103.07	1.80	1.00	103.87
Kelty, Bartholomew	101.81	1.01	—	102.82
Kendall, Edward F. and Ezekiel	478.77	4.79	2.50	481.06
Kendall, Edward S. and Mary E.	107.68	1.07	—	108.75
Kendall, George S.	109.21	1.92	1.00	110.13
Knower, Horace and Charles F.	153.05	2.69	1.00	154.74
Lamb, Stephen F.	119.20	1.18	1.00	119.38
Lantz and Taylor	112.62	1.97	1.00	113.59
Lavers, Francis	100.00	1.38	—	101.38
Learned and Goodnow	103.68	1.03	—	104.71
Leino, Otto A.	102.69	1.80	1.00	103.49
Leland, Hollis J.	51.69	.50	—	52.19
Lewis, Nelson	105.44	1.04	1.00	105.48
Loughlin, Philip H.	107.73	1.07	1.00	107.80
Lucas, Henry	104.80	1.83	1.00	105.63
Lynde, Edward B. and Florence A.	210.79	4.22	1.00	214.01
Lynde, John, Lucy K. and Chester	273.87	4.80	1.50	277.17
MacDonald, Cora	102.58	1.02	—	103.60
Mansur, Richard	217.36	2.17	1.50	218.03

Marshall, Julia L.	106.55	1.06	—	107.61
Mayo, William	210.69	4.22	—	214.91
McAllester, Rev. W. C.	103.38	1.81	1.00	104.19
Merriam, Artemas	173.68	3.48	1.50	175.66
Merriam, Francis	108.35	1.08	1.00	108.43
Merriam, Frank A.	106.25	2.13	—	108.38
Merriam, Oliver M.	119.41	2.39	1.00	120.80
Merriam, Read	106.15	1.06	—	107.21
Merriam, Thomas	117.09	1.16	1.00	117.25
Miles, Daniel C.	103.68	1.81	1.00	104.49
Miles and Puffer	62.66	1.88	—	64.54
Miller, Frank E. and Ida A.	105.37	2.11	1.00	106.48
Miller, George H. and Cyrus T.	211.76	2.11	1.50	212.37
Miller, James W.	126.07	1.26	1.00	126.33
Miller, John C.	120.33	1.20	1.00	120.53
Miller, Jonas	308.94	3.09	2.00	310.03
Miller, Joseph and Emily	205.40	2.05	1.50	205.95
Miller, Sylvester	210.20	3.69	1.50	212.39
Minott, Fannie E.	122.40	2.15	1.50	123.05
Minott, John and Mary Hardy	108.00	2.17	—	110.17
Minott, Joseph	125.58	2.51	1.00	127.09
Mirick, George A.	542.52	5.43	2.50	545.45
Morse, Farwell	109.89	2.19	—	112.08
Morse, Merrill E.	106.70	2.13	—	108.83
Neal, Windsor F.	102.99	1.02	—	104.01
Nichols-Stanbridge	200.50	2.00	1.00	201.50
Nichols, Carl E.	107.14	1.87	1.50	107.51
Nichols, Charles	219.20	2.19	1.50	219.89
Nichols, Frederick	103.64	1.03	—	104.67

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance</i>
	<i>January 1st, 1949</i>			<i>December 31st, 1949</i>
Nichols, Lyman	109.49	2.19	1.00	110.68
Nygard, Emma	102.47	1.80	1.00	103.27
Ober, Bert	218.88	4.39	1.50	221.77
Page, Porter	291.38	5.85	2.00	295.23
Parker, Roy E.	204.06	3.58	1.50	206.14
Partridge-Seaver and Hartwell	158.24	3.17	1.00	160.41
Peckham, Horatio	57.12	.56	.50	57.18
Perkins, Harrison	62.47	1.09	—	63.56
Pickering, Georgette Newell (New \$50.00)	207.93	1.65	1.00	208.58
Pierce, Elisha	359.36	7.21	2.00	364.57
Puffer, Samuel and Josiah	107.50	1.07	—	108.57
Puffer, Rev. Stephen	71.63	1.43	—	73.06
Ray, Hiram L.	133.71	2.68	1.00	135.39
Ray, Ivers	138.11	2.77	—	140.88
Raymond, Abijah H.	107.34	1.06	1.00	107.40
Raymond, Hobart	266.16	4.68	2.00	268.84
Rice, William S.	103.34	1.02	1.00	103.36
Rider, William D.	102.91	1.02	—	103.93
Rose, George M.	131.87	2.64	—	134.51
Sakkinen, Charles	167.71	3.36	1.50	169.57
Sargent, J. W. C.	221.42	4.44	2.50	223.36
Saunders, Amos	110.49	1.10	1.00	110.59

Sawin, Otis W. and Ashton	256.47	4.50	1.50	259.47
Sawyer, Sanford	112.63	2.25	—	114.88
Seaver, Silas and George Baker	83.37	1.45	—	84.82
Shay, William (New)	100.00	.83	—	100.83
Simonds, Charles A.	114.57	2.01	1.00	115.58
Smith, Charles H.	157.61	3.16	1.00	159.77
Smith, Forest E.	152.13	1.52	1.00	152.65
Smith, Grace G.	101.75	1.01	—	102.76
Smith, Sarah B.	53.06	1.06	—	54.12
Spaulding and Rugg	276.85	5.55	1.50	280.90
Sprague, Samuel H.	103.05	1.80	1.00	103.85
Stearns, Sarah H.	134.95	2.70	1.50	136.15
Taylor, Peter	103.46	1.81	1.00	104.27
Upton, George C.	1,150.19	20.21	11.50	1,158.90
Viner, Clarence S.	102.03	1.79	1.00	102.82
Walton, Joseph L.	51.84	.51	—	52.35
Ware, Abigail E.	284.01	4.99	2.00	287.00
Warner, Emory	168.21	3.37	2.00	169.58
Wetherby, Lina W.	106.44	1.06	—	107.50
Wheeler, Delia	60.57	.60	—	61.17
Whipple and Hackett	132.46	2.65	1.50	133.61
Whitman, Fred S.	554.78	11.14	2.50	563.42
Whitney, Aaron	108.55	2.17	1.00	109.72
Whitney, Augustine	105.89	2.11	1.00	107.00
Whitney, Calvin and Canham	107.44	2.15	—	109.59
Whitney, John	138.02	2.43	1.00	139.45
Whitney, Malcolm R.	104.40	1.04	.50	104.94
Whitney, Stillman	112.56	1.97	1.00	113.53
Whitney, Warren A.	114.60	2.01	1.00	115.61

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS — Continued

<i>Name of Fund</i>	<i>Balance January 1st, 1949</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1949</i>
Wood, Aaron	104.97	2.10	1.00	106.07
Wood, Charles P. and Theodore S.	108.45	1.08	—	109.53
Woodbury, Joseph	111.11	1.10	1.00	111.21
Wyman, Benjamin	237.35	4.17	2.00	239.52
Wyman, David	50.62	.50	—	51.12
Wyman, Harrison	50.62	.50	—	51.12
Wyman, Sophia	159.89	3.20	1.50	161.59
Young, Fidelia Sawin	53.77	1.07	—	54.84
Totals	\$33,060.54	\$526.95	\$206.00	\$33,381.49

Respectfully submitted,

JUDSON R. FOSTER
Town Treasurer

December 31st, 1949

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

For the Year Ending 1949

We herewith submit our report for the year ending December 31, 1949:

During the year there were twenty-one cases covering aid to sixty-eight persons as follows:

One minor boarded in foster home.

One boarded at Charlton Home Farm.

There were three hospital cases aided and sixty-three cases aided in own home.

Of the above cases nine have a Westminster settlement, five have a Fitchburg settlement, three have a Gardner settlement, and four are under the Aid to Dependent Children law.

One case with a Westminster settlement is being aided out of town.

Respectfully submitted,

VANCE L. BUTTERFIELD

ALFRED P. JONES

EVA E. COOMBS

Board of Public Welfare

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Westminster:

The Bureau of Old Age Assistance submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1949.

At the beginning of the year there were twenty-eight persons receiving Old Age Assistance.

During the year four cases were aided and seven cases were closed.

Each case is visited at least twice a year and more often upon request. All Old Age recipients had the benefit of the "Leisure time activity" which took effect December 1, 1949.

At the end of the year twenty-five persons were receiving Old Age Assistance with the following settlements:

Westminster twelve, Gardner two, Templeton one, Lancaster one, Hopkinton one, Fitchburg two, and six have a State settlement.

Respectfully submitted,

VANCE L. BUTTERFIELD

ALFRED P. JONES

EVA E. COOMBS

Bureau of Old Age Assistance

REPORT OF TOWN DIRECTOR

To the Board of Selectmen:

On appointment I found that the Town had a balance from preceding years of \$22.40 on deposit with the County Treasurer.

Raised and appropriated under Article 35, 1949, the sum of \$50.00

Balance on deposit	22.40
Total deposit with County Treasurer	<u>\$72.40</u>

Amount spent by:

4-H Club County Extension Service	\$15.00	
Total	<u>15.00</u>	15.00

Total Balance on Deposit	<u>\$57.40</u>
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It is expected that in the forthcoming year that expenses of both organizations will be larger.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED J. SAVAGE
Town Director

ASSESSORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1949

The following figures relate to the Property and Poll taxes assessed January 1, 1949.

Value of Assessed Personal Estate	<i>1948</i>	<i>1949</i>
Stock in Trade	\$ 17,950.00	\$ 24,150.00
Machinery	238,870.00	260,497.00
Livestock	85,751.50	79,978.00
Other Tangibles	27,200.00	29,875.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate		
Land	429,130.00	441,850.00
Buildings	1,423,135.00	1,528,820.00
Total Value of Assessed Property	\$2,222,036.50	\$2,365,170.00
Tax Rate per \$1,000.00	\$45.00	\$40.00
Taxes for State, County and Town Purposes:		
On Real Estate	\$ 83,352.17	\$ 78,826.80
On Personal	16,648.80	15,780.00
On Polls	1,578.00	1,658.00
Total Taxes to be Raised	\$101,578.97	\$ 96,264.80
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed	1,120	1,225
Total Assessed Value	\$288,710.00	\$414,670.00
Total Excise	8,256.54	11,891.24
Excise Rate per \$1,000.00	38.07	41.32
Other Statistics:		
Number of Polls Assessed	788	829
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	19,026	19,093
Number of Houses Assessed	645	665
Number of Camps Assessed	265	295

Number of Livestock Assessed:

Cows	394	359
Young Stock	79	56
Horses	56	52
Swine	705	702
Fowl	28,289	25,538
Sheep	6	9
All Others	9	9

Abatements:

Real Estate	\$ 1,022.63	\$ 1,116.80
Personal	54.00	12.00
Motor Vehicles	268.57	334.17
Men in Service	—	—
Men over 70	102.00	98.00
All Others	38.00	46.00

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES BY THE
BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR 1949

Appropriation voted at Town Meeting March 5, 1949 \$600.00

Wages of Clerk	\$190.50	
Abstracts and Title	78.00	
Telephone	42.97	
Expenses for Attendance at Assessors' Meetings	41.15	
Hobbs & Warren, Forms and Supplies	53.98	
Postage and Miscellaneous	32.34	
Assessors' Association Dues	6.00	
	<u> </u>	444.94

Balance of Appropriation \$155.06

VIVIAN B. WHITNEY, *Chairman*
HOWARD W. WINTER
ALBERT E. GATES
Board of Assessors

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

Annual Reports of the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools of Westminister, Massachusetts, for the year ending December 31, 1949.

DIRECTORY OF WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Elmer Luoma, <i>Chairman</i>	Term Expires 1952
Mr. J. K. Hobbs	Term Expires 1951
Mrs. J. Philip Howard, <i>Secretary</i>	Term Expires 1950

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Laurence A. Fogg — B.S.E.; Ed.M.	Sterling, Massachusetts
Telephone 141-2	

SUPERVISORS AND SPECIAL PERSONNEL

School Physician	B. L. Perkins, M.D.
School Nurse	Lempi Aalto, R.N.
Supervisor of Art	Miss Marjorie Zecher
Supervisor of Music	Mrs. Priscilla Howard
Supervisor of Penmanship	Mr. W. L. Rinehart
School Custodian	Mr. Fred Goodridge

FACULTY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Colleges</i>	<i>Position</i>
W. Allan McCracken,	B.S.E.;	Washington Normal, Boston University	Principal Mathematics
George Teravainen	B.S.E. in Phy. Ed.	Boston University	Phy. Ed. Social Science
Herbert Scanlon	B.S.E.	Fitchburg S.T.C.	Languages
Natalie Connors	B.S.; Ed.M.	Our Lady Of The Elms Fitchburg S.T.C.	Science

Mary B. Smith	B.S.E.	Boston University	Grade 6
Bernice Hemmi	.....	Fitchburg S.T.C.	Grade 5
Gladys Towle	.....	Bridgewater S.T.C.	Grade 4
Helen Kendall	.....	Fitchburg S.T.C.	Grade 3
Rilla Martin	B.S.E.	Keene Teachers'	Grade 2
Carrie Estabrook	.....	Courses at	Grade 2
		Fitchburg	
Edna L'Ecuyer	B.S.E.	Fitchburg S.T.C.	Grade 1
Doris Fenno	.....	Courses at	Grade 1
		Fitchburg	

To the School Committee and Citizens of Westminster:

I submit herewith my seventh annual report as your superintendent of schools, it being the FIFTY-NINTH in the history of this Union. My report will be contained under the following subtitles:

- A) School Costs for 1950 AND STATE REIMBURSEMENTS for that period.
- B) Will Westminster receive State help in adding to the present school plant?
- C) School Housing needs NOW and in the FUTURE.
- D) School population NOW and in the FUTURE.
- E) The best solution for Westminster from an EDUCATIONAL AND FINANCIAL viewpoint.

SCHOOL COSTS FOR 1950 — REIMBURSEMENTS FOR 1950

The Westminster School Budget is up about \$8,000 over that of last year. The general reason for the increase is greatly increased school population, which leads to the specific reasons of:

- A) Additional elementary teachers.
- B) Increased transportation costs.
- C) Increased cost of book and supply items for expanding enrollment.

The net school cost for 1950 will be about	\$44,664.23
The net school cost for 1949 was about	\$40,000.00

THE REIMBURSEMENTS ON THE 1950 BUDGET WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- A) Superintendent of Schools — Approximately \$ 1,300.00
- B) Transportation — Approximately 13,000.00
- C) New Chapter 70—"School Aid"—Approx. 13,296.39

Total	\$27,596.39
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(It is of interest to note that the reimbursement on Union Superintendents' salary has doubled since the passage of the new law at the last session of the General Court.)

WILL WESTMINSTER RECEIVE STATE HELP IN ADDING TO PRESENT SCHOOL PLANT?

Mr. John E. Marshall of the School Building Assistance Commission, in a letter to me dated November 15, 1949, states that the Commission's policy is determined by an answer to the following questions:

1. Is the proposed addition to be added to a school that is already large enough to fit into a long-range state pattern of adequate school organization? (Marshall, quote — "In Westminster's case, the answer seems to be, no.")
 2. Is the present school building, from an educational viewpoint, one that should be perpetuated by an addition? (Mr. Marshall hasn't seen the building, but I expect that his answer would be "yes" on this question.)
 3. Is the present building, from a structural viewpoint, worth adding to? (Again, Mr. Marshall, after seeing the building would probably answer in the affirmative.)
 4. Is the site adequate to accommodate, not only the present building, but its proposed expansion, in terms of contemporary standards for school site area? (Present site would be considered inadequate, under the above definition. Presumably this could be remedied by land purchase.)
- The final answer to the above question is then, at this time, uncertain.

SCHOOL, HOUSING NEEDS, NOW, AND IN THE FUTURE

Beginning in September, 1950, we will have a total of 13 rooms in full use in the two buildings, 6 in the Upton Building, 7 in the Loughlin Building. This will include all the space that can be used for classrooms within the two buildings, unless we use the auditorium for further classroom construction. It is useless to think about putting classrooms beneath the auditorium. Even if we were foolish enough to do so, the State would not permit.

It now appears that we may have some difficulty in getting by for another school year even if we finish another room in the old court of the Loughlin Building. In fact, we really need three additional rooms for September, 1950: two for a split fourth grade, and another for the Junior High department. That is, if we are really going to give every child a fair chance, and not simply improvise.

So much for building expansion needed NOW. What about the needs of the decade that we are about to enter? We will need AT LEAST a total of 19 rooms, plus a cafeteria. This is 6 more rooms than our buildings can now provide. We will need TWO rooms each for grades one, two, three, four, five, and six, plus seven rooms for housing and permitting departmental teaching of the Junior High School. THIS IS MINIMUM, if we are only going to carry on. If we are going to provide a modern school program we must provide facilities for domestic science and for shop for the boys, in addition to the 19 rooms previously mentioned.

SCHOOL POPULATION, NOW, AND IN THE FUTURE

Next September Westminster will have at least 345 pupils in the Upton and Loughlin buildings. Only two years ago our total enrollment was 270. This increase is only an advance ripple of the deluge to come. If many new families move into town, the deluge will become a flood. From Westminster's location we had better be prepared for a flood of children to come, particularly if the town water situation improves.

I predict that we will be called upon to house and educate 450 to 500 pupils in the first nine grades in Westminster Center, during the nineteen-fifties, without new growth in the town. With new growth, which is likely, we may have to house and educate half again as many.

It is apparent that we will be sending at least twice as many out of town to high school as we are now sending. We are now sending about 70, including vocational (September 1950) out of town. If this figure is to double we will send out 140 around 1960 for at least a part of the three year program. (The mortality connected with sending out of town on a tuition basis is high.) Again this is minimum. With town growth, it may be half again as many.

Assuming that we sent out a MINIMUM of 140 pupils, and that the price remains as low as the present \$175, Westminster will be spending \$24,500 per year on tuition alone. Quite a sum, WHEN ALL THE EXPERTS SAY WE HAVE A BETTER ALTERNATIVE! This alternative will be discussed under the heading below.

THE BEST SOLUTION FOR WESTMINSTER OVER THE YEARS

The consensus of opinion from the best advice obtainable is that towns like Westminster should, from an educational and financial standpoint, get into a REGIONAL SCHOOL program. It makes

little difference what towns are concerned in your grouping, nor where the building is located. If Westminster is not interested in one particular REGIONAL PROGRAM it should try and get in to some other one. My prediction is that economics will eventually force all small towns into such a program. I have no personal interest in what Regional Program you affiliate. Perhaps Hubbardston, Westminster, Templeton and Ashburnham would be a possibility for Westminster

A REGIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAM is the best solution for Westminster over the years because:

- 1) You will have a degree of control over your high school program that is impossible on a tuition basis.
- 2) The heavy mortality rate of students dropping out of high school before graduation would be sharply reduced.
- 3) If you could get into a REGIONAL SIX-YEAR high school within two years you would eliminate having to add on to your present plant, which is going to be expensive in terms of at least six rooms, cafeteria, home economics room, and shop, particularly if the State decides not to contribute.
- 4) Experience in New York and Connecticut has shown that such a program offers just as much for the gifted child, more for the AVERAGE child, and MUCH MORE for the below AVERAGE child than can the average city high school to its tuition paying pupils.
- 5) Towns such as Westminster, with expanding school populations, will find the net cost of education much less expensive over a period of years if they are affiliated with a REGIONAL SCHOOL.
- 6) Westminster is not large enough to support a modern high school program by itself. This leaves a choice of getting into a REGIONAL SCHOOL or paying tuition to some nearby city. No matter how well intentioned the nearby city may be, it cannot fulfill in entirety, for its tuition students, the need as exemplified in the following philosophy of secondary education: "Let us build secondary schools that will be as fair to the fast as to the slow, as fair to the hand-minded as to the book-minded, and while meeting the separate needs of each, shall yet foster that fellow feeling of human being for human being, that is the deepest root of democracy."

If you would approach fulfillment of the above philosophy of high school education, JOIN SOME REGIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAM.

IN CONCLUSION

Perhaps the greatest difficulty for both school committee member and the superintendent is always to keep the attitude that they are learners. Problems are never solved, procedures are never perfected, and perfection is never achieved. Humbleness and the desire and will to strive continually for the improvement of our school system is all that any can expect of us. That is our task.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURENCE A. FOGG
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Westminster:

The School Committee's problems are growing "beyond any-one's conception." Among others, they include the increased pupil enrollment, transportation, housing, teaching staff, the water situation and the ever increasing overall cost of operation.

In June the School Committee accepted with real regret the resignation of Miss Catherine Sullivan, who had taught here for more than 20 years. With the further loss of Mrs. Josephine Meloon in September, it was necessary to obtain two new teachers for the Junior High, Miss Nathalie Connors and Mr. Herbert Scanlon, both graduates of Fitchburg State Teachers' College. Mrs. Rilla Martin was engaged for one of the two second grades. During the next few years, one additional teacher will be required annually due to the steadily mounting pupil enrollment. Since elementary teachers are in great demand at the present time, they are in a position to name a salary somewhat above our present level. At the present time, our elementary salaries are barely above the minimum prescribed by the State and it is expected that this present minimum may be further increased. As the enrollment and faculty rise more supervision is also needed to get the most value for our school dollar.

In September the Junior High program was reorganized to co-ordinate it as closely as possible with that of the Fitchburg High School. To accomplish this, the noon hour was shortened to one-half hour (which is longer than the usual practice in a Junior High). School begins at 8:50, and as a result there are now seven rather than six periods in the school day. In this way subjects required for freshman work are now taught five periods per week, which provides full credit and standard hours for courses. Classes in guidance have been made part of the curriculum of the seventh and eighth grades. The physical education program is being continued and an inter-school basketball schedule has been provided for the Junior High. This year the school is utilizing the Boston University visual education program with a definite schedule for films co-ordinated with work in the classroom. Some equipment has been purchased to provide for demonstration work in the science program. Also every student has an opportunity and is encouraged to participate in one or more extra curricular activities.

In the Town Warrant of 1949, the School Committee requested funds for several specific purposes other than those contained in the regular school budget. A new classroom was constructed in part of the old gymnasium. Certain disadvantages have appeared as a result of its level but it has proved generally satisfactory and its method of lighting has been very much approved. Plumbing facilities in the Loughlin building were extended. The parking lot was resurfaced, the Upton Building painted, the Upton roof repaired and necessary repairs on the Loughlin Building were made. All safety precautions recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety were provided for. In general, contracts for major improvements were awarded by competitive bid and the Committee believes full value was received. In the Warrant for the 1950 Town Meeting the School Committee again submits several articles for construction and repairs which urgently need to be done.

After the installation of a much needed new deep well pump for the artesian well, an analysis by the State Department of Public Health disclosed that the water should not be used for drinking or culinary purposes. After weeks of chlorinating treatment and frequent analysis, the situation did not improve and the State Department finally recommended abandonment of this tubular well. At a joint meeting of representatives from the State Department of Public Health, the Westminster Aqueduct Company, School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools the situation was thoroughly examined. As a result of this conference, the school is now dependent entirely on the Westminster Aqueduct Company for its supply of water. The School Committee feels that it is the most satisfactory arrangement possible since it involves the least investment and since the Department of Public Utilities recognizes the obligations of the Westminster Aqueduct Company.

Our present combined enrollment in the two buildings is as follows:

Grade 1	57 pupils (2 classes)
Grade 2	49 pupils (2 classes)
Grade 3	44 pupils
Grade 4	32 pupils
Grade 5	34 pupils
Grade 6	34 pupils
Grade 7	28 pupils
Grade 8	19 pupils
Grade 9	22 pupils
Total	319

The expected enrollment in the first grade in September, 1950 through September, 1955 according to our annual census is as follows:

September, 1950	50 pupils
September, 1951	47 pupils
September, 1952	68 pupils
September, 1953	67 pupils
September, 1954	61 pupils
September, 1955	50 pupils

It can be seen from the above figures that two classes will be required for each grade as they progress. With the classroom completed in 1949 and the expected addition of another classroom in 1950, the maximum use possible of the present building will be reached. There is no room within its walls for further classrooms. At least one additional room will be needed by September, 1951. This subject is fully covered by the report of the School Building Investigation Committee. Its principal recommendation is the construction of an addition to the present building containing a minimum of six classrooms. If it is the desire of the citizens of Westminster to maintain nine years of public school education in town under local control expansion of the present program must be seriously considered. The present soup project is conducted under some disadvantage and the question arises whether or not Westminster wishes to have a school lunch program such as is carried on in all the small towns around us. The advantages of courses in home economics and manual training should also be carefully weighed against the necessary cost. These courses satisfy a need felt by the slower child and provide basic knowledge for the student with a full High School schedule.

Transportation costs will continue to grow in proportion to the enrollment indicated above. A larger bus on one route was provided through competitive bidding in September. A beach wagon has been replaced by a bus on another. September, 1950 will probably bring additional problems. Every year parents request transportation for children living within the legal limit but it can be supplied only up to the legal capacity of the bus.

The committee is this year presenting a budget of \$70,875.90. Of this, salaries make up approximately 50%, tuition 18.6%, transportation 21% and other costs 10.4%. Of the total budget, 39% will be reimbursed by the State for transportation and under the new Chapter 70. Increases in personnel, salaries and transportation have already been discussed. Use of the Loughlin Auditorium for general community purposes, larger quantities of books and supplies,

especially in the lower grades, additional desks and chairs, are other factors contributing to the increase in running expenses.

CONCLUSION

The education of ninety-five percent of our children ends with high school. It is obvious that the cost of higher education, desire to go to work and economic conditions are the chief factors involved. The disadvantage of living in the country away from the educational facilities of our cities with their evening schools and adult educational program must be recognized.

If the parents of Westminster wish their children to receive the best that our educational system can provide the town must be prepared to accept its cost. The School Committee is not in favor of extravagance but we do stand for the **BEST SCHOOLS WHICH WE CAN REASONABLY AFFORD**. To that end we have bent our efforts and we hope that you will view our recommendations in that light.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER E. LUOMA, *Chairman*
ANN D. HOWARD, *Clerk*
JOHN K. HOBBS
School Committee of Westminster

HAGER PARK TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1949

There have been five cords of wood cut on the east side and there is still more to be cut. Some trees are leaning and some tops are broken.

This part of the Park is so wet or so steep that it is necessary to use horses or tractor to draw the wood out.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN D. HOWARD
FRANK A. ADAMS
FRANK S. SMITH
Hager Park Trustees

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

For the Year 1949

To the Trustees of the Forbush Memorial Library:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1949.

The usual reference work has been done in the library for schools and individuals. Four lots of books have been sent to the schools for use in the classrooms.

Both adult and juvenile departments have received a good supply of new books. The non-fiction which has been in greatest demand are those on the following subjects: sewing and dress-making; building and repairs; tools and woodwork; and the postage stamp catalogues.

Books in the Finnish language have been furnished by the Division of Public Libraries of Boston. Some non-fiction books for study and reference have been supplied through interlibrary loans.

Special days have been observed with appropriate displays, the largest having been exhibited during Children's Bookweek with fifty attractive new books. A shelf has been set aside for books which are on the reading list "Adventures in Reading."

We find that the display racks, which were purchased early in the year, are a great aid in calling books to the attention of our patrons.

Copies of paintings by the noted artist Howard E. Smith were exhibited.

The General Electric Company has been very generous in sending us pamphlets. Those received in quantity have been sent to the schools.

The United Nations Bulletin has been added to our list of periodicals.

The Librarians attended both Wachusett Library Association meetings: one in May, at Worcester, as guests of the Bay Path Association; and the regular meeting held in October at Templeton.

We wish to express our appreciation for new shelves and finishing of a closet on the second floor; also for the new lights in both of the transfer closets. We are particularly grateful for the lighting in the office, and for painting of the outside of the building.

LIBRARY STATISTICS

Days open	154
Largest day's circulation, March 12th	159
Smallest day's circulation, July 20th	25
Average daily circulation	73.7
Total circulation	11,351
Number of volumes added	318
Number of volumes discarded	73
Number of volumes in library	11,145

GIFTS

2 photographs:

Pupils and teacher of Westminster Academy — 1885

Isaac Seaver's golden wedding — 1893 — by Dr. H. G. Partridge

8 copies of the first paper money printed by

the American Colonies, 1690 - 1778

Mr. Fred Savage

For the Westminster Historical Society Library Museum:

The desk formerly owned and used by Miss Annie Laws

A relative

Backgammon Board which had belonged to Oline Bartlette Estey.

Buttons were turned by C. W. Minott in Northboro, Mass. in 1887.

Left to Westminster Historical Society by Mrs. Fannie E. Minott.

GIFTS — BOOKS

5 new volumes

Mrs. Edna L'Ecuyer

The Grange, Friend of the Farmer

Service Committee of

by Charles M. Gardner

Westminster Grange No. 203

Life Insurance Fact Book

Institute of Life Insurance

Mobilized

Chrysler Corporation

Steel Making in America

United States Steel Corporation

1 Volume

Elizabeth J. Mansur

3 Volumes

Mrs. Marilyn Towle Hull

1 Volume

Lucy Wolski and Arolyn Lundberg

Manual of Information

Massachusetts Civic League, Inc.

Emily Post's Motor Manners

General Motors Corporation

Journal of the House of Representatives

Journal of the Senate

GIFTS — PERIODICALS

Antiques	Mrs. John A. Sargent
Missions	Baptist Mission Circle
Watchman	Mrs. F. A. Merriam
Christian Century	Mrs. Lucy M. Giles
Christian Leader	Universalist Ladies' Circle
Massachusetts Educational News	Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Home Owner	Fitchburg Savings Bank
Grange Monthly	Westminster Grange No. 203
Disabled American Veterans' Reporter	
16 Periodicals from	Publishers

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL R. FENNO
Librarian

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Receipts, 1949

TAXES

Current Year:

Polls	\$ 1,518.00
Personal	14,467.20
Real Estate	68,335.83

\$84,321.03

Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts

14.00

Received from City of Fitchburg (1949 taxes)

1,060.00

Received from City of Fitchburg (1948 taxes)

1,192.50

Previous Years:

1947 Polls	\$ 2.00
Personal	6.60
Real Estate	463.84

472.44

1948 Personal	\$ 1,002.56
Real Estate	8,876.54

9,879.10

1947 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

\$ 2.00

1948 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

231.19

1949 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

11,372.91

11,606.10

From Tax Title Redemptions

278.00

Certification of Taxes

1.00

From State, Corporations, Banks, etc.:

Income Taxes

\$ 9,660.00

Corporation Taxes

7,750.46

Meals Tax

489.02

17,899.48

Department of Education:

 A. High School Transportation

\$ 12,167.56

 B. Chapter 70

11,346.39

 C. Superintendent's Salary

644.44

 D. Vocational

1,217.52

25,375.91

Liquor Licenses	\$ 1,500.00	
All Other Licenses	231.00	
Court Fines	87.00	
Dog Licenses from County	701.06	
	<hr/>	2,519.06

Town Hall:		
Rentals	\$ 238.00	
Smoke Damage	131.25	
	<hr/>	369.25

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

From Sealer of Weights and Measures (fees)	27.50
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BOARD OF HEALTH

From State:	
Inspection of Animals and Barns	37.50

HIGHWAYS AND STATE ROAD

From Machinery Rentals:		
Town Rentals	\$ 11,544.90	
Outside Rentals	7,935.05	
	<hr/>	19,479.95

From State:		
Chapter 81—1948 Contract No. 4959	\$ 2,939.79	
Chapter 81—1949 Contract No. 5139	15,300.00	
Chapter 90—Maintenance		
No. 11303—1948	4,499.25	
Chapter 90—Maintenance		
No. 11282—1948	999.76	

From County:		
Chapter 90—Construction		
No. 11303—1948	2,499.58	
Chapter 90—Construction		
No. 11282—1948	999.76	
	<hr/>	27,238.14

From State:		
Snow and Ice Removal Route 140		137.75

CHARITIES

Reimbursements:

From Federal:

Aid to Dependent Children, Administration	\$ 2.87
Aid to Dependent Children, Aid	450.18
Old Age Assistance, Administration	128.45
Old Age Assistance, Aid	8,969.25

From State:

Aid to Dependent Children, Aid	396.08
Old Age Assistance, Aid	8,019.29

Other Cities and Towns 850.89

18,817.01

From State:

Temporary Aid	1,192.85
Veterans' Benefits	692.85

SCHOOLS

From Soup Project	\$ 504.62
From Rent of Auditorium	5.00

509.62

LIBRARY

From Fines	\$ 64.97
From Lending Receipts	19.48

84.45

CEMETERIES

For Burials	\$ 280.00
Foundations	224.50
Labor on Lot	10.00
Care of Lots	151.15
Flowers	6.00

671.65

INTEREST

On Taxes 1947	\$ 26.28
On Taxes 1948	227.48
On Taxes 1949	16.05
On Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1947	.29
On Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1948	1.24
On Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1949	2.64
On Demands	15.75

289.73

Income from Trust Funds:

Town Library Funds	\$ 31.50	
George Miller Library Fund	33.26	
Child's Library Fund	2.63	
P. P. Ellis Library Fund	8.75	
D. W. Sanders Library Fund	35.00	
A. R. Hager Library Fund	12.00	
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	20.00	
Sarah Barnes Library Fund	4.00	
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	10.00	
M. A. Farnsworth Library Fund	10.50	
F. S. Whitman Library Fund	6.00	
Haws Library Fund	30.00	
Henrietta Gates Library Fund	30.00	
Adelaide Berry Library Fund	2.00	
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		235.64

Income from Water Fund 237.50

Blue Cross Deductions 594.75

Retirement Deductions 1,593.28

Federal Tax Deductions 4,221.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds (new) 525.00
Dog Licenses to County 857.80

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Refunds:

Loss of Taxes	\$ 1,115.02	
Schools (from City of Fitchburg)	271.11	
Schools Check	7.94	
Insurance	134.37	
Gasoline Tax	64.29	
Snow and Ice	59.70	
Machinery Repairs	56.07	
Board of Health (Polio case)	45.00	
Fires	61.62	
Motor Vehicle (overpayment)	1.52	
Library	8.22	
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		1,824.86

Transfers:

Smith Poor Fund	\$ 456.00	
Upton School Fund	386.83	
Hager School Fund	200.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	206.00	
		<u>1,248.83</u>

Total Receipts \$235,505.53

Cash on hand December 31, 1948 71,144.59

\$306,650.12

Expenditures

LEGISLATIVE:

MODERATOR (Appropriation \$25.00) \$ 25.00

SELECTMEN:

Salaries	\$ 600.00	
Membership Dues	31.00	
Printing and Supplies	45.24	
Files	4.20	
Warrant Copies	10.00	
Legal Advice	5.00	
Books	11.75	
All Other	4.46	
		<u>711.65</u>

Salaries, Appropriation \$600.00

Expense Appropriation 200.00—Balance \$88.35

ACCOUNTANT:

Salary	\$ 1,000.00	
Trial Balance Book	10.26	
Office Supplies	9.29	
Clerical Assistance	177.10	
		<u>1,196.65</u>

Salary Appropriation \$1,000.00

Expense Appropriation 200.00—Balance \$3.35

ASSISTANT TO ACCOUNTANT AND COLLECTOR 800.00
(Appropriation \$800.00)

TREASURER:

Salary	\$ 150.00
Surety Bond	87.00
Safety Deposit Box	24.00
Association Dues	1.00
Envelopes and Postage	93.06
Telephone	2.35
Typing	10.00
All Other	8.40

 375.81

Salary Appropriation	\$150.00
Expense Appropriation	200.00
Transferred from Reserve	25.81

COLLECTOR:

Salary	\$ 900.00
Clerical Assistance	20.95
Surety Bond	114.00
Association Dues	1.00
Deputy Collector's Bond	5.00
Attendance at Collectors' Meetings	2.25
Books	36.12
Stamped Envelopes	140.35
Bills	94.30
Tax Title Expense	21.88

 1,335.85

Salary Appropriation	\$900.00
Expense Appropriation	400.00
Transferred from Reserve	35.85

Tax Title Foreclosures	194.43
(Appropriation \$200.00—Balance \$5.57)	

ASSESSORS:

Salaries	\$ 750.00
Assistant	190.50
Transportation	21.25
Attendance at Meetings	41.15
Dues	6.00
Abstracts	78.00
Telephone	42.97
Supplies	58.47
Stamped Envelopes	6.60

 1,194.94

Salaries Appropriation \$750.00
 Expenses Appropriation 600.00—Balance \$155.06

TOWN CLERK:

Salary	\$	100.00	
Surety Bond		5.00	
Vital Statistics and Fees		123.50	
Attendance at Meetings		2.65	
Dues		5.00	
Printing and Postage		20.95	
Telephone		1.53	
Street List		13.50	
Supplies		2.29	
Thrift Checks		1.56	
			275.98

Salary Appropriation \$100.00
 Expense Appropriation 250.00—Balance \$74.02

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION:

Registrars	\$	39.00	
Assistant Registrars		45.00	
Election Officers		45.00	
Voting Lists		65.00	
Ballots		14.85	
Revising Voting List		5.00	
Advertisement		7.00	
			220.85

Appropriation \$300—Balance \$79.15

School Committee Salaries (Appropriation) 225.00

Public Welfare Salaries (Appropriation) 300.00

TOWN HALL:

Janitor's Salary	\$	540.00
Extra Labor		17.75
Water Rent		17.81
Fuel		410.03
Lights and Batteries		139.82
Repairs on Lights		20.00
Telephone		50.12
Janitor's Supplies		14.34
Repairs and Equipment		494.72
Oil Heater in Assessors' Office		69.16

Bottle Gas	27.30	
Rope for Flag Pole	2.64	
		1,803.69
Appropriation \$2,000.00—Balance \$196.31		

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE PROTECTION:

Police Work Salary	\$ 1,149.20	
Transportation	29.40	
Police Department, Gardner	21.00	
		1,199.60
Appropriation \$1,200.00—Balance \$0.40		

DOG OFFICER:

Appropriation \$50.00—Balance \$50.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Yearly Salaries	\$ 120.00	
Wages—Testing Hose and House Fires	232.50	
Extinguisher Recharged	8.00	
Fuel	59.13	
Lights	108.98	
Telephone	61.00	
Hose	215.00	
Gasoline and Oil	145.82	
Supplies	405.06	
Repairs	40.78	
Insurance	1,299.52	
Water Rent	7.12	
Payment on Fire Truck	137.41	
		\$ 2,840.32

FORESTRY:

Forest Warden Salary	\$ 25.00	
Forest Fires	738.75	
Signs	4.50	
Food	4.75	
		773.00

Appropriation	\$3,598.00	
Transferred from Reserve	15.32	3,613.32

Forest Fire Equipment		512.06
Appropriation	\$500.00	
Transferred from Reserve	12.06	
New Fire Truck		3,332.59
(Balance from Fire Department)		
Tree Warden		200.00
Appropriation	\$200.00	
Moth:		499.40
Appropriation	\$500.00—Balance \$0.60	
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:		
Salary	\$	60.00
Equipment		10.49
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		70.49
Appropriation	\$75.00—Balance \$4.51	
BOARD OF HEALTH:		
Transportation to Worcester County		
Sanitorium	\$	68.00
Polio Cases		234.00
Ambulance and Telephone		28.06
Examination of School Children		75.00
Forms and Disease Book		7.45
Inspection of Animals and Barns		75.00
Labor at Dump		268.25
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		755.76
Appropriation	\$1,200.00	
Refund	45.00—Balance \$489.24	
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment		1,913.33
Appropriation	\$3,326.68—Balance \$1,413.35	

HIGHWAYS

CHAPTER 81:

Labor	\$ 11,531.00
Hired Trucks	822.50
Gravel	542.29
Materials	760.68
All Other	18.90
Machine Rentals	4,637.00

Street Signs	6.00	
Tarmac	5,333.83	
Culverts	347.72	
		23,999.92
Appropriation \$ 6,000.00—Balance \$0.08		
State 18,000.00		
Special Allotment:		
Labor	\$ 890.10	
Rentals	606.90	
Tarmac	502.98	
		1,999.98
Allotment due from State \$1,999.98		
MACHINE REPAIRS:		
Gasoline, Oil, Diesel Fuel, Grease	\$ 1,502.06	
New Bay City Diesel Shovel, less		
Trade-in on 1936 Machine	10,780.00	
Freight on Shovel	376.19	
Second-hand LaCrosse Shovel and		
Dozer Trailer	742.50	
Garage Bills	1,502.80	
Tires and Recaps	684.35	
Pay Rolls	663.89	
Telephone and Electric Lights	165.50	
Maintenance of All Equipment and		
Garage Buildings, Lumber, Paint,		
Hardware, Blacksmithing, Welding,		
Truck and Tractor Parts	4,426.29	
		20,843.58
Transferred from Rentals \$18,584.66		
Gasoline Refunds 103.61		
Check Refunds 16.75		
	\$18,705.92	
	Overdraft \$2,138.56	
Auto Car Tank Truck (Transferred from		
Reserve Fund)		256.28
BRIDGES:		
Labor	\$ 185.25	
Lumber	300.00	
		485.25
Appropriation \$500.00—Balance \$14.75		

NEW SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION:

Labor	\$ 2,023.98	
Gravel	60.83	
Lumber	155.82	
Cement	1,170.70	
All Other	64.60	
		<u>3,475.93</u>

Appropriation \$3,500.00—Balance \$24.07

Contract	1,759.50
Appropriation \$2,000.00—Balance \$240.50	

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL:

Labor	\$ 4,125.13	
Gasoline, Oil, Grease	878.65	
Telephone and Electric Lights	34.16	
Equipment, Repairs, Parts for		
Plows, et cetera	3,119.59	
		<u>8,157.53</u>

Appropriation \$8,000.00—Transferred from
 Refunds 59.70 Reserve \$97.83

SNOW AND ICE, SIDEWALKS: 110.30

Appropriation \$100.00
 Transferred from Reserve 10.30

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE:

Labor	\$ 1,134.21	
Hired Truck	175.50	
Rentals	657.35	
Culverts	291.03	
Tarmac	2,488.27	
Sand	30.03	
		<u>4,776.39</u>

Appropriation \$2,000.00—Balance forward \$23.61

State 1,400.00
 County 1,400.00

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION: No. 11303, 1948 Contract

Labor	\$ 331.30	
Pipe	667.97	
		<u>999.27</u>

From State and County \$874.97
 Due from State and County 124.30

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION: 1949 Contract No. 12020

Labor	\$ 7,388.26
Rentals	4,799.55
Pipes	273.91
Dynamite and Caps	110.38
Frames and Grates	58.00
Cement, Blocks, Triangular Posts	840.62
Tarmac and Asphalt	1,329.23

14,799.95

Appropriation \$1,850.00—Balance \$0.05

State 8,325.00

County 4,625.00

PUBLIC WELFARE

General Administration	\$ 37.78
Allowances (Cash Grants)	2,518.49
Medicine and Medical Care	351.54
Groceries, Provisions, Clothing, et cetera	1,984.72
Fuel	140.27
Charlton Home Farm	101.74
Hospitals	73.00
Transportation	25.50
Rent	30.00

5,263.04

Appropriation \$4,000.00—Transferred from

Smith Fund 456.00 Reserve \$807.04

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Federal Administration		6.00
Balance January 1, 1949	\$24.31	
Received	2.87	
Balance forward Jan. 1, 1950	21.18	
Federal Grant Allowances		477.65
Balance January 1, 1949	\$47.02	
Federal Aid	450.18	
Balance forward Jan. 1, 1950	19.55	
Town Allowances		1,434.95
Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
Appropriation	450.00—Balance \$15.05	

 OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

Federal Administration		
Balance forward	\$3.72	
Town Administration		498.36
Appropriation	\$520.00—Balance	\$150.09
Received	128.45	
Federal Aid Allowances		8,760.61
Balance January 1, 1949	\$ 84.60	
Federal Aid	8,969.25	
Balance forward Jan. 1, 1950	293.24	
Town Allowances		10,286.64
Appropriation	\$13,700.00—Balance	\$3,413.36

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Allowances		1,230.56
Appropriation	\$1,200.00	
Transferred from Reserve	30.56	

SCHOOLS

School Committee:		
Clerk	\$ 150.00	
Expense	14.68	
	<hr/>	\$ 164.68
Printing, Postage, et cetera		46.38
School Census		75.00
Telephone (both schools)		137.78
Superintendent:		
Salary	\$ 1,839.78	
Traveling Expenses	286.86	
Telephone, Printing, Postage, et cetera	78.33	
	<hr/>	2,204.97
Supervisors:		
Music Teacher, Salary	\$ 855.06	
Music Teacher, Travel- ing Expenses	80.00	
Drawing Teacher	969.06	
Writing Teacher	325.00	
Physical Education Teacher	2,422.56	
	<hr/>	4,651.68

Nurse:			
Salary	\$	840.00	
Supplies		10.61	
Traveling Expenses		17.22	
Doctor		79.50	
		<u> </u>	947.33
Teachers' Salaries:			
Junior High	\$	7,881.55	
Elementary		13,747.20	
		<u> </u>	21,628.75
Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Fund			1,347.37
Text Books and Supplies:			
Junior High School Books	\$	125.93	
All Other Supplies for			
Junior High		153.42	
Elementary Books		1,095.35	
All Other Elementary			
Supplies		366.65	
		<u> </u>	1,741.35
Tuition:			
High School	\$	8,939.42	
Junior High		150.00	
Elementary		1,011.78	
		<u> </u>	10,101.20
Transportation:			
High School	\$	4,036.26	
Junior High		2,859.70	
Elementary		5,895.24	
		<u> </u>	12,791.20
Janitor's Service:			
Junior High	\$	699.96	
Elementary		1,404.00	
		<u> </u>	2,100.00
Water Rent			23.75
Fuel and Lights:			
Junior High Fuel	\$	364.27	
Elementary Fuel		722.46	
Lights for Both Schools		377.77	
		<u> </u>	1,464.50

Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:

Junior High:		
Repairs	\$ 329.02	
Supplies	50.30	
All Other	268.45	
		647.77
Elementary:		
Repairs	\$ 884.36	
Supplies	102.43	
All Other	32.56	
		1,019.35

Furniture and Fixtures:

Junior High	\$ 134.87	
Elementary	283.73	
		418.60
New Equipment		2,668.94
Testing Water, et cetera		39.45
Diplomas		21.10
Miscellaneous Printing		322.95
Insurance		76.00
		\$ 64,640.10
Appropriation	\$63,822.07	— Balance \$47.85
Refunds	279.05	
Upton Fund	386.83	
Hager Fund	200.00	
	\$64,687.95	

School Soup Project	753.56
Appropriation \$800.00 — Balance \$46.44	

VOCATIONAL

Tuition	\$ 1,777.42	
Transportation	846.00	
		2,623.42
Appropriation \$3,675.00 — Balance \$1,051.58		
School Building Investigation Committee		13.23
Appropriation \$200.00 — Balance forward \$186.77		
Classroom and Toilets		3,500.00
Appropriation \$3,500.00		
Resurfacing Parking Area		660.95
Appropriation \$700.00 — Balance \$39.05		

State Requirements for Fire Protection	961.05
Appropriation \$1,050.00 — Balance \$88.95	
Painting and Puttying Windows of Upton Building	425.51
Appropriation \$500.00 — Balance \$74.49	
Repairs to Roof of Upton Building	150.00
Appropriation \$150.00	

LIBRARY

Salaries:

Librarian	\$ 729.30	
Assistant	462.50	
Janitor	300.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,491.80

Books and Periodicals:

Books	\$ 579.42	
Periodicals	100.75	
Binding Books	4.80	
Supplies	9.51	
Printing and Postage	16.50	
	<hr/>	710.98

Building and Grounds:

Fuel	\$ 213.84	
Lights	104.57	
Wiring	275.00	
Telephone	45.59	
Repairs to Clock	5.50	
Cleaning Library	20.90	
Furniture	10.15	
Repairs	293.03	
Janitor's Supplies and		
All Other	19.75	
Care of Grounds	35.65	
	<hr/>	1,023.98

3,226.76

Appropriation	\$2,300.00—Balance \$18.16
Refund	8.22
Dog Fund	701.06
Income from Trust Funds	235.64

UNCLASSIFIED

Band Concerts		200.00
Appropriation	\$200.00	
Memorial Day		181.25
Appropriation	\$150.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	\$31.25	
Care of Town Clock		20.00
Appropriation	\$20.00	
Printing Town Reports		336.30
Appropriation	\$300.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	\$36.30	
Blanket Fire Insurance		1,630.24
Appropriation	\$2,000.00—Balance	\$387.88
Refund	18.12	
War Memorial		10.75
Appropriation	\$50.00 — Balance	\$39.25
Water Committee		70.10
Balance from 1948	\$260.00 — Balance	\$189.90
Improvement on Streets—Miles Development		2,042.08
Appropriation	\$2,081.00 — Balance	\$38.92
Worcester County Extension Service		50.00
Appropriation	\$50.00	
Unpaid Bills (Inspection of School Children)		75.00
Appropriation	\$75.00	
Unpaid Bills (Public Welfare)		1,242.14
Appropriation	\$1,242.14	
Unpaid Bills (Public Welfare)		334.44
Appropriation	\$334.44	
Unpaid Bills (Old Age)		273.03
Appropriation	\$273.03	
Unpaid Bills (Old Age)		54.31
Appropriation	\$54.31	
Retirement Deductions		1,571.43
Blue Cross Deductions		594.75
Miscellaneous:		
Mowing Common	\$	11.75
Location of Ripley Road		5.00
Fibre Arms and Swords		8.70
Wood for Legion Hall		30.00
Electrical Permits		23.00
		78.45
Appropriation	\$200.00 — Balance	\$121.55

HAGER PARK TRUSTEES

Trustees	\$	15.00	
Labor Cutting Wood		32.50	
			47.50
Appropriation \$100.00 — Balance \$52.50			
County Retirement System			899.00
Appropriation \$899.00			

CEMETERIES

Superintendent's Salary	\$	810.80	
Other Labor		1,435.00	
Garage Repairs		122.75	
Equipment		10.25	
Lumber		4.95	
Cement		31.24	
Lawn Mowers Sharpened		9.50	
Loam		110.13	
Flowers and Shrubs		62.50	
All Other		27.70	
			2,624.82
Appropriation \$2,500.00			
Transferred from Reserve Fund \$124.82			

INTEREST

Schoolhouse Note		225.00
Appropriation \$225.00		

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Payment on Schoolhouse Note (From Excess and Deficiency)	1,500.00
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AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency:		
County Tax		4,648.58
Overdraft January 1, 1949	\$535.30	
Appropriation	5,447.22	
Balance Forward	263.34	
State Parks and Reservation Tax		220.15

Overdraft January 1, 1949	\$ 21.34	
Appropriation	176.95	
Overdraft	64.54	
Auditing Municipal Accounts Tax		593.93
Appropriation	\$412.81	
Overdraft	181.12	
Dog Licenses to County		857.80
Federal Tax Deductions		4,194.10
Investment:		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds (new)		525.00

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Refunds:

1948 Real Estate Tax	\$ 40.50	
1949 Real Estate Tax	90.00	
1948 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	33.67	
1949 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	290.23	
		<u>454.40</u>

Total Payments	\$232,887.22
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Cash Balance December 31, 1949	73,762.90
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	<u>\$306,650.12</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

HARRY S. KENDALL
Town Accountant

THE BALANCE OF DECEMBER 34, 1949

<i>Assets</i>		<i>Liabilities</i>	
Cash on Hand	\$73,762.90	Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$ 55.00
Library Cash	10.00	Reserve for Excess received	
Taxes 1948	12.38	on low value sale	145.00
Taxes 1949 (\$1,776.40) paid since		Machinery Rentals	18,949.07
January 1)	10,620.77	County Tax	263.34
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1948	4.00	Balances Forward:	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1949	410.15	Aid to Dependent Children	
Tax Titles	1,524.98	Federal Administrator	21.18
Tax Possessions	705.36	Aid to Dependent Children	
Accounts Receivable:		Federal Aid	19.55
Highway Bills	2,912.16	Old Age Assistance	
Cemeteries	24.00	Federal Administrator	3.72
Public Welfare	1,883.30	Old Age Assistance,	
Veterans' Benefits	78.00	Federal Aid	293.24
Aid to Dependent Children	214.28	School Building Investigation	
Old Age Assistance	323.24	Committee	186.77
Schools	68.00	Water Committee	189.90
Chapter 81 Highways		Town Hall Heating System	4,692.00
Contract No. 5139	2,700.00	Tax Title Revenue	2,230.34
Chapter 90 Maintenance (State)		Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	414.15
Contract No. 11629	1,400.00	Departmental Revenue	5,502.98
Chapter 90 Maintenance		Highway Revenue	18,450.00
(County) Contract No. 11629	1,400.00	Overlay 1948	12.38
Chapter 90 Construction (State)		Overlay 1949	4,114.71
Contract No. 12020	8,325.00	Overlay Reserve	5,988.02

THE BALANCE OF DECEMBER 31, 1949 — Continued

Chapter 90 Construction (County) Contract No. 12020	4,625.00	Chapter 81 Highways	.08
State Parks and Reservation Tax	64.54	Chapter 90 Maintenance	23.61
Auditing Municipal Accounts Tax	181.12	No. 11629	
Overdrawn:		Chapter 90 Construction	
Machinery Repairs	2,138.56	No. 12020	05
Chapter 90 Construction	124.30	Surplus Excess and Deficiency	53,956.93
No. 11303 — 1948	1,999.98		
Chapter 81 Special Allotment			
	<u>\$115,512.02</u>		<u>\$115,512.02</u>
Net Funded Debt	\$7,500.00	Schoolhouse Loan	\$7,500.00

TRUST FUNDS, CASH AND SECURITIES

DECEMBER 31ST, 1949

	<i>Amount January 1st, 1949</i>	<i>Income 1949</i>	<i>Income Spent</i>	<i>Prin. Gain</i>	<i>New Trust Funds</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1949</i>
F. W. Smith Poor Fund	\$ 36,298.29	\$ 647.83	\$ 456.00			\$ 36,490.12
J. W. Forbush Poor Fund	3,950.15	69.42				4,019.57
Upton School Fund	12,909.19	458.69	386.83	\$4.12		12,985.17
Hager School Fund	14,476.63	224.45	200.00			14,501.08
Preston P. Ellis School Fund	853.31	12.32				865.63
Charles R. Dutton School Fund	937.02	9.38				946.40
Town Library Fund	1,800.00	31.50	31.50			1,800.00
George A. Miller Library Fund	1,901.16	33.26	33.26			1,901.16
Lucy J. Childs' Library Fund	150.00	2.63	2.63			150.00
Preston P. Ellis Library Fund	500.00	8.75	8.75			500.00
Daniel W. Sanders Library Fund	2,000.00	35.00	35.00			2,000.00
A. R. Hager Library Fund	600.00	12.00	12.00			600.00
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	1,000.00	20.00	20.00			1,000.00
Sarah M. Barnes Library Fund	200.00	4.00	4.00			200.00
M. A. Farnsworth Library Fund	525.00	10.50	10.50			525.00
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	500.00	10.00	10.00			500.00
Fred S. Whitman Library Fund	300.00	6.00	6.00			300.00
M. D. Haws Library Fund	1,000.00	30.00	30.00			1,000.00
Henrietta Gates Library Fund	3,504.26	30.00	30.00	5.05		3,509.31

TRUST FUNDS, CASH AND SECURITIES — Concluded

	<i>Amount January 1st, 1949</i>	<i>Income 1949</i>	<i>Income Spent</i>	<i>Prin. Gain</i>	<i>New Trust Funds</i>	<i>Balance December 31st, 1949</i>
Adelaide Berry Library Fund	100.00	2.00	2.00			100.00
Joseph Barrell Cemetery Fund	2,458.92	48.45				2,507.37
Daniel W. Sanders Cemetery Fund	2,294.63	46.11				2,340.74
M. A. Creed Cemetery Wall Fund	1,323.82	13.26				1,337.08
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	32,535.54	526.95	206.00		\$525.00	33,381.49
Water Investment Fund	15,000.00	237.50	237.50			15,000.00
Florence M. Benjamin Library Investment Fund	1,997.94	20.01				2,017.95
Celebration Committee	\$139,115.86	\$2,550.01	\$1,721.97	\$9.17	\$525.00	\$140,478.07
Rehabilitation Fund	61.95	.60			*6.25	68.80
	16,409.82	365.03				16,774.85

*Books Sold

LIST OF JURORS

1950

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Elmer E. Luoma	Accountant
Paul B. Mansur	Merchant
Kaino Poikonen	Peddler
Guy M. Ralph	Production Control
George Thomas	Plumber
Gordon J. Kelley	Master Mechanic
Howard I. Smith	Telephone Engineer
Walter Chatigny	Hospital Supervisor
Howard Winter	Clerk
Seth Heywood	Sales Analysis
Walker C. Brown	Clerk
Dugal C. Laughton	Farmer
Daniel M. Campbell	Hospital Supervisor
Seward W. Thompson	Railway Express Agent
Arnold G. Towle	Salesman

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE 1947

Outstanding December 31, 1948		\$ 527.44
Audit Adjustment		2.00
		<u>\$ 529.44</u>
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 472.44	
Abatements	2.00	
Tax Titles	55.00	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$ 529.44</u>

PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE 1948

Outstanding December 31, 1948		\$ 9,996.11
Refund		40.50
Audit Adjustment		3.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 9,879.10	
Audit Adjustment	2.00	
Abatements	89.88	
Tax Titles	56.25	
Outstanding December 31, 1949	12.38	
	<u> </u>	<u>10,039.61</u>

POLLS, 1949

Commitments		\$ 1,668.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 1,518.00	
Abatements	144.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1949	6.00	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$ 1,668.00</u>

PERSONAL AND REAL, 1949

Commitments		\$94,606.80
Refunds		90.00
		<u>\$94,696.80</u>

Payments to Treasurer	\$82,803.03	
Abatements	1,128.80	
Tax Titles	138.20	
Audit Adjustment	12.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1949	10,614.77	
		<u>94,696.80</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX OF 1947

Outstanding December 31, 1948		\$ 4.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 2.00	
Abated	2.00	
		<u>\$ 4.00</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX OF 1948

Outstanding December 31, 1948		\$ 110.41
Refunds		33.01
Warrant January 5, 1949		55.37
Warrant January 10, 1949		94.52
Overpayment to Treasurer		.66
		<u>\$ 293.97</u>
Payments to Treasurer	\$ 231.19	
Abatements	25.77	
Refunds	33.01	
Outstanding December 31, 1949	4.00	
		<u>\$ 293.97</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX OF 1949

Warrants		\$11,828.51
Refunds		291.75
Audit Adjustment		.01
		<u>\$12,120.27</u>
Payments to Treasurer	\$11,372.91	
Abatements	45.46	
Refunds	291.75	
Outstanding December 31, 1949	410.15	
		<u>\$12,120.27</u>

INTEREST COLLECTED

Taxes 1947	\$	26.28	
Taxes 1948		227.48	
Taxes 1949		16.05	
Demands		15.75	
Motor Vehicle Excise		4.17	
		<hr/>	<hr/> 289.73

FLORENCE B. RICE
Tax Collector

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Board of Selectmen:

The following is the list of Weighing and Measuring devices tested and sealed during the year:

- 16 gasoline pumps
- 7 platform scales
- 4 computing scales
- 4 counter scales
- 1 spring scale

According to the new law that went into effect 1st of May this year the sealing fees were raised, thus the increased revenue in this department.

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO A. LEINO
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

For the Year Ending 1949

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby submit for your approval the thirty-first annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1949.

FIRE RECORD

This year we have answered 48 calls as follows: —

Buildings	3	Chimneys	6
Brush	20	Emergency	2
Automobile	3	Dump	14

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. MacCONLOGUE
F. L. SLADE
B. P. CUMMINGS
Board of Engineers

VETERANS' AGENT REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit to you the annual report of the Veterans' Agent, Town of Westminster, for the year ending December 31, 1949.

Applicants receiving Veterans' Benefits	6
Burial Allowance	1
Applications received	8
Contacts with Representative of the Commissioner of Veterans' Services	3
Attendance at Association Meetings	1
Out-of-Town Investigations	2

Respectfully submitted,

E. EDWIN MUHONEN
Veterans' Agent

SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATION RECOMMENDATIONS

1950

APPROVED BY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Expenses</i>
Moderator	\$ 25.00	—
Selectmen — \$200.00 each	600.00	\$ 200.00
Town Accountant	1,000.00	300.00
Town Treasurer	150.00	250.00
Tax Collector	900.00.	450.00
Assessors — Chairman \$325.00		
Members \$250.00	825.00	550.00
Town Clerk	100.00	250.00
Election and Registration	—	300.00
Board of Public Welfare—\$100.00 each	300.00	—
School Committee—\$75.00 each	225.00	—
Assistant to Tax Collector and Accountant	1,000.00	—
	\$ 5,125.00	\$ 2,300.00
		5,125.00
		\$ 7,425.00
Town Hall, General Maintenance		\$ 2,500.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		
Fire Department		\$ 4,870.00
Forest Fire Equipment and Patrol		500.00
Police Protection—Salary \$1,400; Expenses \$500.00		1,900.00
Dog Officer		50.00
Moth Department		500.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures		75.00
Tree Warden		200.00
Insurance (Fire, Liability and Workmen's Compensation)		2,500.00
		\$10,595.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health (Including Dental Clinic)	\$ 1,000.00
Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital — (No money raised—taken care of by Assessors' Cherry Sheet)	

HIGHWAYS

General Repairs under Chapter 81	\$ 6,000.00
Bridges	400.00
Snow and Ice (Highways)	9,000.00
Snow and Ice (Sidewalks)	100.00
Street Lighting	2,200.00
Guide Boards	500.00
Sidewalk Repairs and Construction	500.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,500.00
Chapter 90 Construction—Excess and Deficiency	2,000.00
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	\$22,200.00

CHARITIES

Public Welfare	\$ 4,000.00
Mothers' Aid, A. D. C. (Administration Included)	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance (Administration \$300.00)	3,600.00
Veterans' Benefits	1,200.00

SCHOOLS

Schools (Including Amount from State)	\$70,875.90
Vocational School	2,650.00

FORBUSH LIBRARY

Not Including Dog Fund	\$ 2,300.00
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CEMETERIES

Including Income from Trust Funds	\$ 2,500.00
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PAYMENT ON NOTES

School Note (From Excess and Deficiency Fund)	\$ 1,500.00
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UNCLASSIFIED

Interest	\$ 187.50
Hager Park Trustees	100.00
World War Memorial	50.00
Memorial Day	200.00
Care of Town Clock	20.00
Printing Town Reports	350.00
Miscellaneous	200.00

JAMES A. ADAMS
HOWARD I. SMITH
PORTER W. DAWLEY
Advisory Committee

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Board of Selectmen:

I submit the following report for the year 1949:

Various complaints investigated	109
Summons served	12
Arrests for out-of-town police	1
Arrests	14
Missing persons	4
Stolen car abandoned in town	2
Suicide	3
Patients returned to State Hospital	2
Dances	10

Attended Gardner Court — 14 days.

Attended Police School in Fitchburg for 5 days — April 11 to April 15, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Drove to Biddeford, Maine, Hillsboro, New Hampshire, and Wakefield, Massachusetts, for 3 defendants.

Drove 1 male to Worcester House of Correction.

One juvenile to Lyman School, Westboro.

I have been called to 17 auto accidents, in which 10 persons received minor injuries and 2 received more serious injuries.

553 days have gone by without a fatal accident.

12 accidents were reported at my home of minor type.

I do believe this accident record to be fair considering the amount of heavy traffic that flows on routes 2, 140, 12, 31 and other town roads.

Investigated 5 house breaks, 3 business places, 6 camps and 2 automobiles were stolen during the year.

\$165.00 property returned to owners and

\$122.50 restitution made by 7 juveniles.

I have done patrol work on Sundays, nights and holidays, school children in the mornings.

I drove my car 12,000 miles this last year on police work.

\$22.00 paid to Gardner lock-up.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen, all citizens of the town, Gardner and Fitchburg police, State Police and Juvenile Probation Officer and Registry of Motor Vehicles for the fine co-operation they have given me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

TOIVO O. TUOMINEN
Chief of Police

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen:

Complaints	4
Stray dogs	12
Dogs quarantined	3
Dogs hit by car	7
Dogs killed	6
Stray dogs returned to owners	9
Serving dog warrant	5 hours

Respectfully submitted,

TOIVO O. TUOMINEN
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE CONSTABLE

To the Board of Selectmen:

Warrants were served for one (1) Town Meeting, and one (1) Special Town Meeting.

Two jurors were drawn during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

TOIVO O. TUOMINEN
Constable

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Board of Trustees of the Forbush Memorial Library held four regular meetings in April, September, October and December, 1949 to conduct the regular business of the library.

Mr. Arthur Sisson succeeded Mr. Robert Denton on the Board. Mr. Arthur Rice was elected as Chairman.

During the year various repairs and improvements were made in the library building. The Potter Electrical Company of Gardner checked and repaired electric wiring to make sure that it was safe. Provision for special display of books was made and the office equipped with fluorescent lighting. The exterior woodwork of the building was painted.

A regular sum of money was allotted monthly to the librarian for the purchase of new books, in particular, a wide selection of children's books.

Respectfully submitted,

LOIS F. INNIS, Secretary

J. PHILIP HOWARD
LILLIAN A. McALLESTER
ARTHUR RICE
DORIS M. FENNO
ARTHUR H. SISSON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westminster in the County aforesaid, GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of WESTMINSTER, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Westminster on Saturday on the fourth day of March 1950 at six o'clock in the forenoon and to choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, or term of years, and at one o'clock P.M. of the same day, then and there to act on the following Articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1950, and to issue a note or notes therefor, to be paid within one year, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of Jurors, as revised by the Selectmen, or act in relation thereto.

Article 3. To choose all necessary Committees for the ensuing year, or act in relation thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to choose an agent or agents to prosecute and defend all lawsuits in behalf of the Town, or act in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the purpose of giving five public band concerts, or act in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$860.00 to cover an assessment by the Treasurer of Worcester County, representing the cost of administering the Town's share of the Worcester County Retirement System for the year ended December 31, 1949, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Vote: That the sum of \$6,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that in addition the sum of \$20,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, to meet the State's share of the cost of the work; the reimbursements from the State, to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Vote: That the sum of \$1,500.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance and that in addition, a sum of \$3,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

Vote: That the sum of \$16,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, to meet the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction, the reimbursements from the County (\$5,000.00) and from the State (\$9,000.00) to be restored upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from the Machinery Rental Account, to the Machinery Repair, Purchase, and Maintenance Account, or act in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of money necessary for the following Departments, General Government, Town Hall, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Highways, Charities, Schools, Forbush Library, Cemeteries, Payment of Notes, and Unclassified Expenses, or act in relation thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen to appoint seven voters to serve as a School Building Committee for the purpose of building a minimum of six additional classrooms to the Loughlin Building, or act in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for expenses of the School Building Committee, or act in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND (2,000) DOLLARS for the purpose of providing a new classroom in the Loughlin Building, said sum to be spent under the supervision of the School Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIX HUNDRED (600) DOLLARS for the purpose of repairing and renovating the two shower rooms of the Loughlin Building, said sum to be spent under the supervision of the School Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE HUNDRED (300) DOLLARS for the purpose of painting the windows and trim of the Loughlin Building, said sum to be spent under the supervision of the School Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of NINE HUNDRED (900) DOLLARS for the purpose of continuing the School Lunch Project, said sum to be spent under the supervision of the School Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (3,500) DOLLARS for the purpose of modernizing the lighting of the Upton School classrooms, said sum to be spent under the supervision of the School Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIVE HUNDRED (500) DOLLARS for the purpose of redecorating the hallways, toilets and classrooms of the Upton Building, said sum to be spent under the supervision of the School Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to install three street lights on Church Street on poles No. 4, 6 and 8 near residences of Lawler, Keuralainen, Payea and Johnson, or take any action thereon.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to install one street light on Smith Street, near the residence of Byron Smith, or act in relation thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light on an existing pole at the five corners, or the junction of Carter, Frog Hollow, and Knower Roads, or act in relation thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light on an existing pole adjacent to the residence of Lauri Suominen, or act in relation thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light on an existing pole at the intersection of Carter Road and Ellis Road, or take any action thereon.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to construct a sidewalk on one side of Bacon Street from the residence of Fred A. Goodridge to the residence of Herman Sakkinen, or take any action thereon.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a parcel of land for a Fire Station, or take any action thereon.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 to purchase a Resuscitator for the Fire Department, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250.00 to defray the expenses of the Wire Inspector, or take any action thereon.

Article 30. To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the unused balance in the amount of \$4,692.00 previously appropriated for the installation of a central heating system in the Town Hall, or take any action thereon.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for purchasing snow-fence or take any action thereon.

Article 32. To see what action the Town will take in regard to installing an Oil Heating System in the Town Hall, and act in relation thereto.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund to be at the disposal of the Finance Committee as provided in Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws, or act in relation thereto.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the sidewalk on Church Street, a distance of about 150 feet, past the residence of Robert P. Lawler, or take any action thereon.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept a bequest consisting of Real Estate and Personal Property under the terms of the will of the late Miss Minnie E. Dexter, or take any action in relation thereto, viz.

FOURTH: Whereas I own certain real estate consisting of my home where I now reside in said Westminster, and whereas I would like to have established in the Town of Westminster a home for elderly people and convalescents, to be known as the "Merriam Home," in memory of Mary, Sarah and John Merriam, all former residents of Westminster, (Westminster people being preferred), to that end I hereby give and devise to the Town of Westminster, Massachusetts, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining such a home all the rest and residue of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for the purpose of and maintaining such a home, and I direct that the management of the same shall be by the proper officers of the town or a board of trustees, if the town shall elect to form such a board.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$328.22 to satisfy a 1949 bill for alleged damage to the roof of the Legion Hall from the vibration of the Town Fire Siren, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 37. To hear the report of any Committee previously elected or appointed by the Town, or take any action in relation thereto.

Polls will close at five o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office and Town Hall in said Town, Seven days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this Thirteenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty.

JUDSON R. FOSTER
WALTER W. WINTTURI
WILLIAM S. JOHNSON
Selectmen of Westminster

A true copy, Attest:

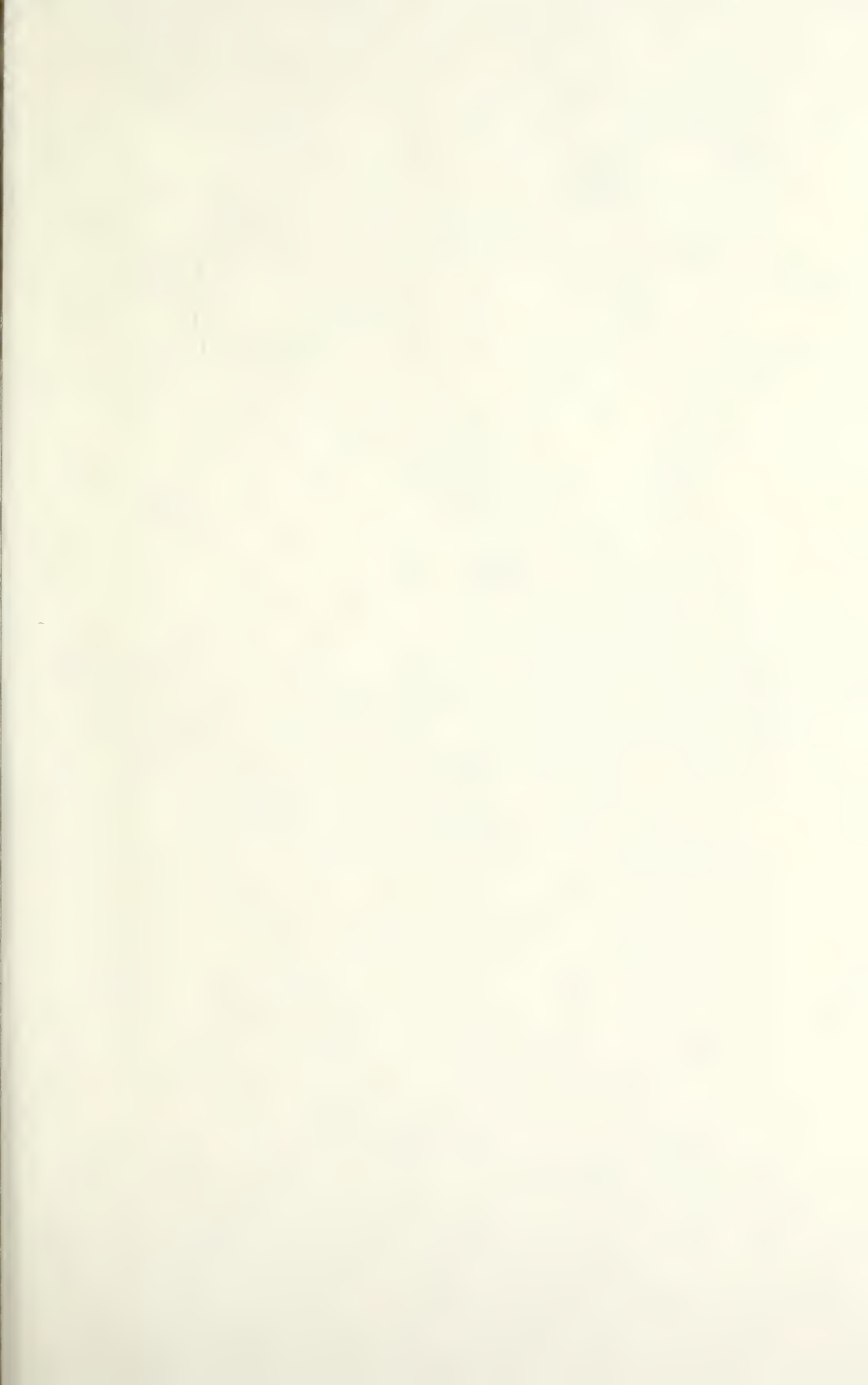
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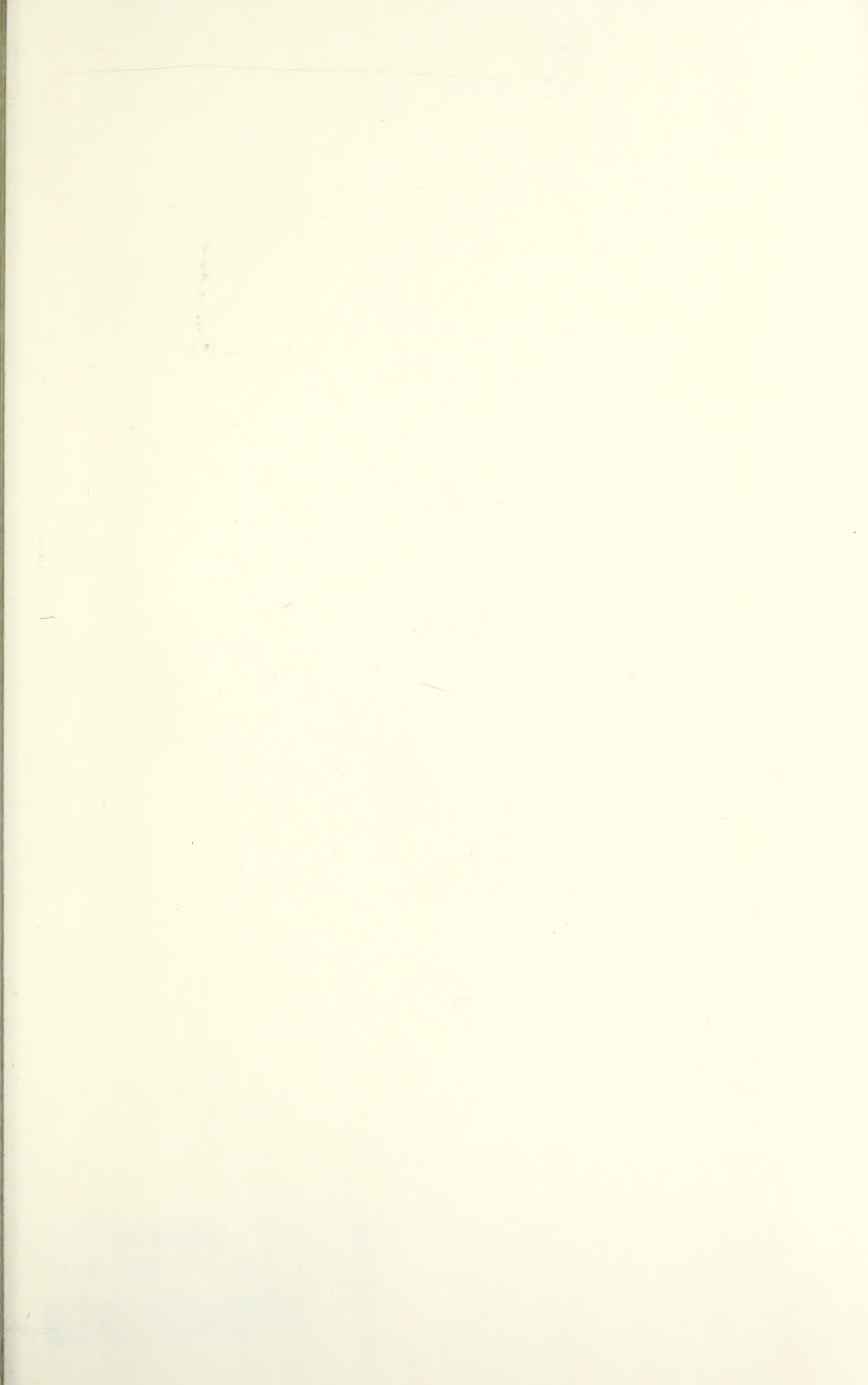
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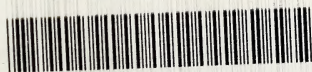






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